

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, mental health counseling is provided along a full continuum of care, from developmental and preventive services, to diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, to long-term services; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health counseling assists individuals and groups with problem-solving, personal and social developments, decision-making, and self-understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health counseling is provided in community mental health agencies, private practice, psychiatric hospitals, college campuses, and rehabilitation centers; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health counseling is provided in collaboration with other mental health professionals, including: psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed professional counselors, and social workers, to assure the most appropriate counseling for each client; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health counseling is provided by professionals with masters or doctoral degrees in counseling or similar disciplines, practicing within the scope of their training and experience:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 4 through May 10, 2002, as

**MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, May 1, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR