

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, of all the rights afforded American citizens, none is more precious or treasured than the right to be free of crime and violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedicated men and women who have chosen law enforcement as a career face extraordinary risk and danger in preserving our freedom and security; and

**WHEREAS**, during the week of May 11 through May 17, 2003, National Peace Officers' Week is observed throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, May 15 is designated as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, in order to recognize the hazardous work, serious responsibilities, and strong commitment to our nation's peace officers and to honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed their precious lives in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with this important observance, the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi Highway Patrol will hold a memorial ceremony on May 15, 2003, to commemorate the lives of officers killed in the line of duty:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 11 through May 17, 2003, as

**NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and urge all our citizens to pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifice given by these heroes.

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 5, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR