

**A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

**WHEREAS**, Anderson Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) Church got its start on a vacant lot on Boundary Street known as the “Barnyard”—the church was named in honor of Reverend Isaac Anderson who, in 1889, gave the church a lot on West College Street where the church built a wooden structure with high steps leading to the front entrance with a plank sidewalk on the front; and

**WHEREAS**, Anderson Chapel C.M.E. Church moved to Memphis Street in 1931 where it served the community, district, State, Annual Conference, and M.I. College for 57 years—it served as a meeting place for many civic, social, and church organizations and was the church home for the faculty and student body of M.I. College; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 1988, the congregation of Anderson Chapel Church moved to a beautiful edifice on Old Highway 78 West, which was built by a member of Anderson Chapel C.M.E. Church, Mr. Napoleon Smith; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Denise Anders-Modest is the 32<sup>nd</sup> minister to Anderson Chapel C.M.E. Church which will be celebrating 114 years of years of ministry on June 22, 2003—the guidance of the Lord is evident throughout the history of the church and as the congregation renews their commitment to sharing His word and the love of Christ through service and outreach in the community, new and great things are sure to abound:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 22, 2003, in honor of

**ANDERSON CHAPEL C.M.E. CHURCH**

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, June 10, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR**