

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Reverend Coleman Crawford, Jr., has diligently served the North Mississippi Educational Convention, Inc. for over 30 years as State President; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Crawford was raised in Henderson, North Carolina, where he received his education in the public school system—he later enlisted with the United States Navy and, after serving his country, received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Lemoyne-Owen College; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Crawford, who serves as pastor of Fredonia Baptist Church of Coldwater, Mississippi, and Grace Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, is a member of National Baptist USA Inc., Shelby County Interfaith (SCI), founder and dean of the Baptist School of Religions, and conducted the First Youth and Young Adult Convention; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Crawford jointly oversees a 50 unit housing complex for the aged, handicap and disabled, the college scholarship fund for recent high school graduates, and is actively involved in leading the charge for the construction of a multi-purpose center to facilitate the community, cultural, educational, recreational and senior citizens needs of the area; and

WHEREAS, having served as State President of the North Mississippi Educational Convention, Inc. for 30 years, Reverend Crawford has strived to maintain and promote the edification, uplifting and building of God’s kingdom by working with different churches, thus fulfilling God’s prophetic word that “We, being many, are one in the body of Christ;” and

WHEREAS, Reverend Crawford has received numerous meritorious awards and has enjoyed the fervent and loving support of his two sons, Winford and Coleman III:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim August 24, 2002, as

REVEREND COLEMAN CRAWFORD JR. DAY

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, August 20, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR