

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, one of the most fundamental endeavors of humanity is providing love, care, and support for our children; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi recognizes that children are our future, and that our hopes, values, and posterity will be embodied and entrusted to them; and

WHEREAS, it is the legal duty and moral responsibility of both parents to provide financial and emotional support for their children, and by the fulfillment of this duty and responsibility, future generations are provided the best attributes of their parentage; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement, was established by legislation in 1976 for the purpose of enforcing the legal obligation and duty of parents to provide financial, medical, and emotional support for their children; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2003, the Division of Child Support Enforcement provided child support services for and on behalf of 443,864 children and collected more than \$195 Million Dollars in child support payments:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim August 2003, as

CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

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 13, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR