

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, today, there are over 195,000 pharmacists practicing in the United States providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

WHEREAS, the use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

WHEREAS, today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups—both clinically and demographically; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

WHEREAS, the American Pharmaceutical Association, the State of Mississippi, and the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners, have declared the final and complete week of October as National Pharmacy Week with the theme ***Know Your Medicines—Know Your Pharmacist***:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 20 through October 26, 2002, as

NATIONAL PHARMACY WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to acknowledge the valuable services of pharmacists to provide safe, affordable and beneficial pharmaceutical care services and products to all citizens.

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, October 11, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR