

**A Proclamation**  
**By**  
**Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State University Bulldogs 2003 baseball team finished the baseball season with an overall record of 42-20 and was ranked in the top 25 of the national polls the entire season under the leadership of Coach Ron Polk and assistant coaches Russ McNickle, Tommy Raffo and Daron Schoenrock; and

**WHEREAS**, the MSU baseball team currently hold the SEC's longest runs of consecutive winning seasons with 27 and 21 30-win seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bulldogs played in their 26<sup>th</sup> NCAA postseason tournament, their 20<sup>th</sup> NCAA regional tournament (seventh in the last eight years) and hosted its 11<sup>th</sup> NCAA Regional Tournament at Dudy Noble Field; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bulldogs placed a school-record of 13 players on the 2002-2003 SEC Baseball Academic Honor Roll; and

**WHEREAS**, a school-record 8 MSU players were selected in the 2003 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, including the program's eighth first-round draft pick, Paul Maholm taken by the Pittsburgh Pirates:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 27, 2003, as

**MSU BULLDOGS BASEBALL 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, June 26, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**GOVERNOR**