

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children's Services, is celebrating National Adoption Awareness during the month of November 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi recognizes adoption as a valuable process in providing permanent families for children who otherwise would have no family; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children's Services, expresses gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the children who benefit from the actions of those who adopt; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Mississippi are proud and honored to recognize the very special families who open their hearts and home to adoption; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim November 2002 as

**NATIONAL ADOPTION 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, October 31, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR