

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the enactment of the Older American Act Amendments of 2000 (Public Law 106-501) established an important new program, the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP), which calls for all states, working in partnership with area agencies on aging and local community-service providers to have five basic services for family caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, these five services are: 1.) Information to caregivers about available services, 2.) Assistance to caregivers in gaining access to services, 3.) Individual counseling, organization of support groups, caregiver training to assist the caregivers in making decisions and solving problems relating to their caregiving roles, 4.) Respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved from caregiving responsibilities, 5.) Supplemental services, on a limited basis to complement the care provided by caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2001, the Administration on Aging issued guidance to states on the implementation of the new program—in October 2001, the Mississippi Family Caregiver Support Program began its work in partnership with the ten area agencies on aging to implement the Mississippi program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Aging and Adult Services works in partnership with the ten area agencies on aging and local community-service providers to provide the services stated above; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for the 2002 National Family Caregivers Month is “*Share the Caring*” with the purpose of raising awareness of Family Caregiving issues and expand and enhance services currently provided to family caregivers:

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

**NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH**

in the State of Mississippi and do commend family caregivers across our state for their efforts and commitment to their patients.

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, November 19, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR