

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, youth suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is one of the leading causes of death for young people between the ages of 15 and 24 in the United States, claiming over 5,000 lives a year; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness of this terrible problem is the key to preventing further suffering and loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program is recognized as the symbol for awareness and prevention of youth suicide by suicide prevention groups, crisis centers, schools, churches, youth centers, hospitals, counselors, teachers, parents and youth throughout the world:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2002, as

**YELLOW RIBBON YOUTH SUICIDE  
AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to work to prevent youth suicide, wear a yellow ribbon and to raise awareness and tolerance around all people affected by this tragedy.

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, September 9, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR