

**A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

WHEREAS, the Walk of Hope is committed to raising awareness of the abuses faced by children and to alleviating human suffering and degradation in countries across the world; and

WHEREAS, at nearly sixty years of age and no athlete Norman Ball, grandfather of five, is undertaking a walk of over 8250 miles around North America—the walk was kicked off in Phoenix, Arizona in January 2001 and will officially end in Phoenix in the fall of 2002; and

WHEREAS, Norman Ball has faced harsh weather conditions, crossed eight mountain ranges, endured many long detours and even climbed through a wilderness area to re-join Interstate 5 at the Oregon border, in order to continue this journey of epic proportions and lay it all on the line to help save the abandoned, unwanted children of the world; and

WHEREAS, Norman Ball, followed constantly by his safety vehicle driven by his wife, Dianne, and another road-team member, will be arriving in Jackson, Mississippi on July 19, 2002, with the completion of over 7,000 miles of this incredible journey:

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

WALK OF HOPE 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, July 19, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR**