

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

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Benkel has distinguished himself as a dedicated engineer officer for a long and vibrant career; and

**WHEREAS**, his knowledge and military expertise is an invaluable resource to his countrymen and the soldiers throughout the "free world;" and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Benkel was assigned in the United States for two (2) years at Fort Ord, California, where he promoted and trained engineer skills with the members of the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Benkel has become a true friend to the State of Mississippi with his support of the initiative to exchange engineer battalions; and

**WHEREAS**, he has become a dedicated friend and comrade to the Mississippi Army National Guard due to his advice and counsel to the 150th Engineer Battalion, to the 155th Separate Armored Brigade, and to the Adjutant General:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 18, 2003, as

**COLONEL MANFRED BENKEL DAY**

in honor of his friendship, dedication, and service.

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 13, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR