

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is dedicated to providing quality educational programs to meet the needs of all its citizens, including children who are intellectually academically, artistically, and creatively gifted; and

WHEREAS, intellectually, academically, artistically and creatively gifted students have special needs and therefore require qualitatively different educational services in order to develop optimally; and

WHEREAS, gifted students, who can be found in all ethnic, socio-economic, and cultural groups, provide our state with a vast resource for potential leadership in all areas of society; and

WHEREAS, over 700 teachers have received special training, are licensed in gifted education, and are serving over 30,000 gifted students in differentiated educational programs in our state's public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children is an advocacy group whose members and affiliates endeavor to educate citizens of this state about the importance of differentiated educational programs for gifted student and to advocate at every level of government for such services:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 6 through October 12, 2002, as

GIFTED EDUCATION WEEK

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, September 25, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR