

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the National Recreation and Park Association brings visibility to parks and recreation, and quality sports programs; and

**WHEREAS**, parks, recreation activities, and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow, and develop into contributing members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation create lifelines and continues life experiences for older members of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, generating opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community through fun recreational pursuits; and

**WHEREAS**, park and recreation agencies provide outlets for physical activities, socializations, and stress reducing experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, parks, playgrounds, ball fields, nature trails, open spaces, community and cultural centers, and historic sites make a community attractive and desirable places to live, work, play, and visit to contribute to our ongoing economic vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, parks, greenways, and open spaces provide a welcome respite from our fast paced, high tech lifestyles while protecting and preserving our natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation agencies touch the lives of individuals, families, groups, and the entire community which positively impacts upon the social, economic, health and environmental quality of our community:

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

**RECREATION AND PARKS 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, June 17, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR