

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Stepfamily Day is enhanced by our strong commitment to support the stepfamilies of our nation in their mission to rear happy, healthy, and socially well adjusted children, create strong family structures to support the individual members of the family, and instill in them a sense of responsibility to all extended family members; and

WHEREAS, our nation has been blessed by thousands of loving stepparents and stepchildren who are daily reminders of the joy, trials, and triumphs of the stepfamily experience and of the boundless love contained in the bond between parent and children; and

WHEREAS, Stepfamily Day is a day to celebrate the many invaluable contributions stepfamilies have made to enriching the lives and life experiences of children in the United States and to strengthening the fabric of American families and society; and

WHEREAS, almost half of all Americans are members of a stepfamily relationship—it is the vision of the Stepfamily Association of America that all stepfamilies in the United States be accepted, supported and successful:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 16, 2002, as

STEPFAMILY DAY

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 10, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR