

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Steven E. Ambrose was born in 1936 and grew up in Whitewater, Wisconsin, a small town with a high school of only 300 students; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ambrose received his B.A. in history at the University of Wisconsin 1957, his M.A. at Louisiana State University in 1958, and his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin in 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ambrose taught at a number of institutions including: the University of New Orleans, Rutgers, Kansas State, Naval War College, U.C. Berkeley, and a number of others, from 1960 until his retirement in 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ambrose was a loving husband and father to his wife, Moira Buckley Ambrose, and their five children; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ambrose was a member of a number of professional organizations including: Founder-National D-Day Museum in New Orleans, Director-Emeritus, Eisenhower Center, Board of Trustees-American Military Institute, Board of Directors- American Committee on WWII, Contributing Editor-The Quarterly Journal of Military History, and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ambrose was the author and historical consultant for a number media avenues including films such as: *Saving Private Ryan*, *The Journey of the Corps of Discovery*, *The Missouri: A Journey with Stephen Ambrose*, and *Eisenhower: Supreme Commander*; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ambrose was a distinguished historical author of over 25 books, including *New York Times* bestsellers: **Nothing Like It In the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869, Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the opening of the American West, Citizen Soldiers, Band of Brothers, D-Day June 6, 1944: The Climactic Battle of World War II**, and most recently, the *New York Times* #1 Bestseller **Wild Blue**; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ambrose had a great passion for history and is to be commended for keeping the spark alive in the current generation and documenting the stories of history for future generations to learn from and enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Stephen E. Ambrose passed away on Sunday morning, October 13, 2002— a memorial service will be held Saturday, October 19, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 19, 2002, as

**DR. STEPHEN E. AMBROSE 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, October 19, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR