

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, LTG Russell C. Davis has been a tremendous supporter of the Mississippi National Guard during his four year tenure as Chief of the National Guard Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, LTG Davis' leadership and influence was instrumental in securing the implementation of the C-17 Globemaster Transition in the Mississippi Air National Guard, preserving Mississippi's place in history as the first state National Guard to receive this coveted aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, LTG Davis has worked diligently to provide greater health, education, and pay benefits for guardsmen nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, LTG Davis' leadership was instrumental in developing a strategy for homeland defense, providing safety and security for our nation during such turbulent times; and

**WHEREAS**, his tireless leadership and outstanding knowledge has guided the National Guard of the United States to levels of excellence in strength management and training never before seen in our national defense—the high standards that are reflected in his personality are excellent models for all soldiers and airmen to follow:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim July 25, 2002, as

**LTG RUSSELL C. DAVIS 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, July 17, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR