

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, National Clean Hands Month is a back-to school community service initiative, sponsored by the Georgia-Pacific Health Smart™ Institute and Sparkle® paper towels, designed to raise awareness in young children of the importance of their personal hygiene during the new school year; and

WHEREAS, National Clean Hands Month was developed by the Georgia-Pacific Health Smart Institute as an educational initiative dedicated to evaluating and facilitating ways to improve personal and family hygiene practices, including the use of disposable paper products, such as paper towels, toilet paper and paper napkins; and

WHEREAS, during National Clean Hands Month, Sparkle will donate copies of *Mike's Dirty, Yucky, Icky Sticky Adventure*, paper towels and educational resources to kindergarten through first grade students and teachers in cities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, National Clean Hands Month is bringing educational resources and information, primarily lesson plans developed in conjunction with the National Association of Student Nurses to school in the Jackson and Monticello metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the common cold alone is responsible for an estimated 22 million lost school days per year in the United States and proper hand washing is the single most important means of preventing the spread of infection; and

WHEREAS, educating students on proper hand washing and hygiene can lower alarming statistics like these and improve school attendance:

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

CLEAN HANDS 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, August 19, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR