

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is the state coordinator for the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), the world's largest single-day cleanup effort on behalf of the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, more than 3,477 volunteers picked up 3,131 bags of trash weighing 25 tons at 54 sites along 107 miles of coastal waterways in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties; and

WHEREAS, despite the approach of Hurricane Isidore into the Gulf of Mexico, volunteers turned out in full force to remove marine debris from our shorelines and collect data for the Department of Marine Resources; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force—coordinators of the Coastal Cleanup—look forward to a productive event in 2003 that will benefit the environment and educate the public about the great work the ICC and these volunteers have accomplished:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 20, 2003, as

MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP

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, March 24, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR