

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, every woman is at risk for breast cancer even if she has no family history of the disease, but women over the age of 50 are at the greatest risk for being diagnosed with breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, a mammogram is the single most effective method of detecting breast changes long before physical symptoms that may be cancer can be seen or felt; and

**WHEREAS**, October is designated as *National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*; and

**WHEREAS**, community organizations, churches, synagogues and other places of worship, and work sites can play a special role in educating their members or employees about breast cancer:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 5 through October 13, 2002, as

***PINK RIBBON WEEK***

in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to wear pink ribbons in recognition of breast cancer and in honor of women who are now courageously fighting the battle with breast cancer—and do further encourage women to consult with their health care providers about regular screening and to promote early detection of breast cancer by having regular clinical breast examinations, getting regular mammograms, and practicing monthly breast self-examinations.

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 11, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR