

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, November 2002 will be observed in the State of Mississippi as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month to create awareness of pancreatic cancer, the number four cause of cancer death of men and women in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, over 30,300 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and the 99% mortality rate for pancreatic cancer is the highest of any cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently no early detection methods and minimal treatment options for pancreatic cancer and by the time symptoms generally present themselves, it is too late for a positive prognosis and the average survival after diagnosis with metastatic disease is only 3-6 months; and

**WHEREAS**, pancreatic cancer does not discriminate by age, gender or race and only 4% of patients will survive beyond 5 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Inc. (PanCAN), the only national advocacy organization for pancreatic cancer patients, exists to create awareness, patient support, professional education, and advocacy for pancreatic cancer research funding to ultimately find the cure for pancreatic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, PanCAN will promote pancreatic cancer awareness during the month of November in order to educate communities across the country about pancreatic cancer and the need for research funding, early detection methods, effective treatments and prevention programs:

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

**PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS 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, November 1, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR