

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that 25,000 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2003—it is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths among U.S. women; and

**WHEREAS**, every woman is at risk for ovarian cancer, regardless of age, heritage and/or medical history; and

**WHEREAS**, diagnosis of ovarian cancer often does not occur until it is in an advanced stage, making it the most deadly of all cancer of the female reproductive system, approximately 14,000 women will die from ovarian cancer this year; and

**WHEREAS**, currently 50% of the women diagnosed with ovarian cancer die with it within five years due to late diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, increased awareness and education of the risks of ovarian cancer and its symptoms will enhance chances of early detection and recovery from this disease:

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

**OVARIAN 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, July 1, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR