

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, it is expected that 23,300 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2002—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; 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 2002, 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, August 6, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR