

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, individuals and organized forms of recreation and the creative use of free time are vital to the happy lives of all our citizens: and education, athletic and recreation programs throughout the State of Mississippi encompass a multitude of activities that can result in personal accomplishment, self-satisfaction and family unity for all citizens, regardless of their background, ability level or age; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Mississippi should recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi is extremely proud of the swimming facilities, aquatic programs and other related activities of their state and their contribution to providing to all ages a healthy place to recreate, a place to learn and grow, to swim, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim July 13 through July 19, 2003, as

**NATIONAL AQUATIC WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi, and I urge all citizens to support and promote this observance.

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, June 17, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR