

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Dr. Frances C. Henderson received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Dillard University, a Master of Science in Nursing Degree from University of California San Francisco Medical Center, and an Ed.D. in Higher Education from Nova University; and

WHEREAS, she has spent most of her nursing career in the San Francisco Bay Area in teaching, counseling, administrative and project director positions and has directed projects funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek Michigan, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henderson is the co-author of the book Managing Your Career in Nursing, first published in 1988 with a second edition in 1994 and is also a consultant on several projects including the Jackson Heart Study; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henderson joined the Alcorn State University family in 1986 and served as the Chairperson of the Department of Baccalaureate Nursing until 1988 when she became the Dean of the School of Nursing—she is also Director of the Alcorn State University Family Clinic; and

WHEREAS, during the time of a nursing shortage that is expected to worsen, Dr. Henderson has spent her career teaching and mentoring men and women to fill this need for caring and compassionate professionals in the field of nursing; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of the Board of Governors for the National League for Nursing and Vice President of the Council on Collegiate Education in Nursing—she is an active member of other professional nursing organizations and was appointed to the Governor’s Healthcare Commission on May 9, 2002; and

WHEREAS, May 12, 2003, is the last day of National Nurses Week, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, and marks the celebration of Dr. Frances Henderson’s retirement after many years of service and her dedication to excellence in nursing and education:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 12, 2003, as

DR. FRANCES C. HENDERSON DAY

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, May 12, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR