

**A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie Mae James received her education in the Forrest County School System and held a diploma from Poro College of Cosmetology in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of the Mississippi Independent Beauticians Association from which she received many plaques and certificates for her achievements culminating with a Life Membership plaque; and

WHEREAS, she served as president of the Rowan High School and Royal Street High School Parent-Teacher Association from 1955-1960 and 1962-1965, receiving several awards for her work with the organization; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. James was an active member of the Zion Chapel A.M.E. Church where she served as a member of the Trustee Board and President of the Jackson-James Missionary Society, which bears her name; and

WHEREAS, she was also president of the District Beauticians Club, a past president of the City Wide Beauticians Club, Eastern Star and a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. James served on Governor John Bell Williams' Comprehensive Health Planning Council and Chairman of the March of Dimes for the Black Community for several years, she also helped to organize the Hattiesburg Association for Retarded Children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie Mae James passed away on February 21, 2003, at the Hattiesburg Convalescent Center—she will be remembered in the tears and laughter of countless friends and family including her six children, a foster son, and eleven grandchildren:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim February 27, 2003, as

ANNIE MAE JAMES 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, February 28, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR**