

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Patrice Moncell was born in Meridian, Mississippi and is referred to as a “sonic power plant of Blues, Soul, Gospel and Jazz;” and

**WHEREAS**, the vocal artistry of Patrice Moncell has been presented when she sang alto in The Classical idiom with the New England Vocal Ensemble at their Carnegie Hall presentation of The Mozart Requiem and Beethoven’s Mass in C major with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, on her debut release “Sing Down Heaven,” and on “Belly of the Sun,” where she recorded with Grammy Award-winning jazz legend Casandra Wilson; and

**WHEREAS**, international tours have taken Patrice Moncell to Italy, Spain, Germany, Sicily, and Switzerland to perform with the world-renowned Roots Gospel Voices of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrice Brown has also played the character May Wilkins in the film “Stop Breakin’ Down,” the life of blues legend Robert Johnson, and she is featured in the Starz Encore Network’s documentary, “The Last of the Mississippi Jukes;” and

**WHEREAS**, she has been honored twice as female vocalist of the year by the Jackson Music Awards and will be honored again at this year’s ceremony:

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

**Patrice Moncel**

as a 2002 honoree of the Jackson Music Awards **Mississippi Rhythm and Blues Diva** and commend you for your talents and accomplishments in the music industry.

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 15, 2001, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR