

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Karen Brown was born in Oxford, Mississippi in 1970 and started singing with her church choir at age 4; and

**WHEREAS**, after high school, she attended Jackson State University and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1993, while establishing herself as a strong musical force on the local club scene; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen Brown took the next step in her music career by performing at two of the largest state music festivals, “The Farish Street Festival” and “The Jubilee Jam”—she has continued to mesmerize audiences with her extraordinary vocal skills and has opened shows for national artist such as, Gerald Levert, Tyrese, R. Kelley, Silk, Faith Evans, Patti Labelle, Brian McKnight, Mya, the Isley Brothers and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen Brown’s career continues to flourish as she seizes opportunities such as singing in the stage production “Sisterly Love” and performing the lead vocals on the hit record “Be Still” by the Mississippi Mass Choir—she has also sang lead and background vocals for artist such as LaMorris Williams, Malone, Super Mario, Super Mario, Xavier Parker, and Lil DJ of I-55; and

**WHEREAS**, although Karen is a star on the rise, she is very committed to her community and continues to perform charitable events for the Mississippi State Hospital, Jackson/Hinds Public Schools, The CARE Center, 100 Black Men and Women of Jackson, and various other non-profit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen Brown is currently in the recording studio working on her first CD to be released later this year:

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

**Karen Brown**

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