

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Dorothy J. McClung Lewis-Sanders (The Mississippi Songbird), is the eighth of nine children born on July 26, 1950 to the late John F. McClung and Emily McClung-Bradley in Pickensville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, after the death of her father in 1958, the family moved to Birmingham, Alabama—in the summer of 1961, her mother wanted to leave the big city so they moved to Columbus, Mississippi, just 22 miles from her place of birth; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Lewis-Sanders has received a number of degrees and certifications including her A.A. Degree from Mary Holmes College and a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education from Rust College; and

WHEREAS, she began her teaching career in 1972 and has taught in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia from 1972 to 2002—Mrs. Lewis-Sanders received the “Teacher of the Year Award” from the Columbus Alternative School in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Lewis-Sanders began her singing career as a small child and has continued as an active member of her family singing group, college and local church choirs and singing groups on the road to her present career as a solo artist—she signed a recording contract with Nasha Records of Memphis, Tennessee in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis-Sanders pledges to keep on teaching, writing, climbing, trying, praying, loving, smiling, and singing about Gods goodness everywhere she goes and prays that as she brings her teaching career to a close in a few years, that God will continue to order her steps in her musical career as a solo artist:

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

Dorothy McClung Lewis-Sanders

as a 2002 honoree of the Jackson Music Awards **Mississippi Gospel 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 14, 2001, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR