

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Andrew Seago is an inspiration and role model to all disabled citizens of Mississippi in meeting the many challenges of their disability; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Seago was born May 4, 1978, in Jackson, Mississippi to Dr. Donald and Mrs. Rosemary Seago and has three older brothers, Dr. Paul Seago, Lee Seago, and Dr. David Seago; Andrew describes his family as close, caring, religious, strong-willed, and committed to each other; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of four Andrew became a ventilator-dependent quadriplegic due to a gunshot wound, and after spending many months in the hospital, he was discharged home under the care of competent, medical professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew's mind was outstanding and the decision was made by his parents to educate him to the fullest and give him every opportunity to lead as normal a life as possible; His education was achieved by homebound teachers and schooling at Spann Elementary, Jackson Academy, and Mississippi State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew graduated with honors from Jackson Academy, receiving the coveted Danforth Award, graduated Cum Laude from Mississippi State University and received a Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling in May, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, in undergraduate school he was a student counselor with the MSU Counseling Service and a student assistant and counselor at Allied Enterprises in Columbus, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, he was elected a MSU Student Association Senator his junior year, awarded memberships in Phi Eta Sigma, Golden Key, Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, and ODK and also enjoyed his association with his Kappa Sigma fraternity brothers; and

**WHEREAS**, as a graduate intern, he worked at Rehabilitation Inc., in Brandon, Mississippi and continues to take every opportunity to utilize his education and experience to help and counsel others toward a richer, fuller life; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Seago has succeeded and thrived through difficult times since his accident and believes he has become a "better person" because of his faith and commitment to do his best, regardless of the circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Seago will be honored for his strength, determination and contributions to the community on October 17, 2003, and will be presented *THE HOPE AWARD* from the Brain Injury Association of Mississippi:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003, in honor of**

**THOMAS ANDREW SEAGO**

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, September 18, 2003 in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR**