A Proclamation By Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the National Association of Insurance Women, International has achieved an illustrious record of professional achievement and dedicated service to its clients and the nation and is deserving of public recognition and commendation; and

WHEREAS, this highly esteemed association is composed of 359 local organizations numbering approximately 13,000 members, all of whom are competent women and men employed in various fields of the insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, constantly creating good will through integrity and dedication, the National Association of Insurance Women, International has grown remarkably since it was founded in 1940, with some 39 women representing 17 regional insurance clubs; and

WHEREAS, the major purpose of this highly effective organization is to "encourage and foster educational programs designed to broaden the knowledge and the understanding of the insurance field and to cultivate increasing friendship, loyalty, and desire for service among its members;" and

WHEREAS, it is of the inestimable benefit to the members to be provided with the opportunity to associate with other industry professionals, enabling them to share solutions, problems, and experiences and thereby gain better understanding and also increase alliances; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Insurance Women, International, includes within its code of ethics the laudable pledge of service that is honest, thorough, gracious, and professional and the promise to perform in an honorable manner—noble words which are truly a part of each member's pursuit of his or her career; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding organization has been recognized as a vital resource by the Independent Insurance Agents of America, the American Association of Managing General Agents, the Insurance Institute of America, and the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim May 19 through May 23, 2003, as

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in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to recognize it appropriately.

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, May 5, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR