

**A Proclamation**  
**By**  
**Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

**WHEREAS**, blood cancers currently afflict more than 670,000 Americans, and more than 106,000 new cases are expected this year; and

**WHEREAS**, leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma will kill an estimated 58,300 people in the United States in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these cancers by funding leading-edge researches and providing resources and support to patients with blood cancers and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society maintains an office in Ridgeland to support patients with these diseases and their family members in the State of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of its citizens who suffer from them; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs and patient services that address these diseases:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of September 2003, as

**LEUKEMIA, LYMPHOMA AND MYELOMA**  
**AWARENESS MONTH**

in the State of Mississippi to enhance the understanding of blood cancers and encourage participation in voluntary activities that support education programs, services to patients, and the funding of research programs to find cures.

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, August 27, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**GOVERNOR**