

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 1952, Cynthia Dianne Brown was born to Edie and Warnell Brown in Greenville, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, at an early age, Cynthia developed a profound interest in music and began studying classical music on the piano—she went on to play gospel music at her church’s Sunday school program and for church choirs across the Mississippi Delta; and

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia was an honor student throughout elementary, junior high and high school, the salutatorian of her graduating class, a STAR student, played clarinet and served as section leader in her high school marching and concert bands, and was voted “most likely to succeed;” and

**WHEREAS**, after graduation, she attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee and graduated from Hunter College of the City University of New York in New York City with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology/Psychology; and

**WHEREAS**, she has been a resident of New York City for the past 31 years and holds advanced studies diplomas in radio and television broadcasting from the Connecticut School of Broadcasting, travel consulting and travel agency management from the Institute of Certified Travel Agents, special event and meeting management from George Washington University, and philanthropy and fundraising management from New York University; and

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia D. Brown has served in a variety of professional positions, is a member of numerous associations and committees, and is the founder of The Blooming Magnolia Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide college scholarships to high school students from Mississippi and to support arts programs for students in New York City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson State University Alumni Association-Metro New York Chapter will recognize Cynthia D. Brown at the June 15, 2003, STAR Program which honors native Mississippians in the tri-state New York area for outstanding achievements in their endeavors:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 15, 2003,

**CYNTHIA D. BROWN DAY**

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, June 6, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR