

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, James D. Hayes was born May 15, 1928, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the late Mary Armstead Thomas and was adopted at an early age by his grandparents, the late Mariah and John Hayes; and

WHEREAS, James grew up and received his education at Hillside Elementary and Genoa High School in Bluefield, West Virginia—he later moved to Boyle, Mississippi in the 1970's; and

WHEREAS, James Hayes was a diverse man, committed to serving mankind and his community through his talents, his tireless efforts on a number of political campaigns, his service as a Law Enforcement Officer, and his love for his community; and

WHEREAS, James accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and was a faithful church worker serving in the choir, male chorus, and deacon board; and

WHEREAS, James, “Lucky” as his friends called him, also loved the youth in his community and served as a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America, Assistant Coach for the “Chicks” T-Ball Team and a member of the Youth and Membership Committees for the 100 Black Men of Bolivar County; and

WHEREAS, James “Lucky” Hayes was loved and respected in his community and leaves a loving and devoted wife, Vivian; three sons, Hemmon Tommy Thompson of Moss Point, Mississippi, Tobarrus J. Hollingsworth of Richmond, Virginia, Robert L. Reed of Hempstead, New York; three daughters Ina Ray Bolling and LaTretta Marie Hayes of Chicago, Illinois, and Marie Yvonne Hayes Johnson of Lake Charles, Louisiana; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and a host of friends and colleagues to carry on his memory; and

WHEREAS, memorial services will be held Wednesday, August 7, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. at the United Baptist Church in Cleveland, Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim August 7, 2002, as

JAMES “LUCKY” HAYES 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, August 6, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR