

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, traffic crashes cause more than 42,000 fatalities each year in the United States and are the leading cause of death for people ages 6 to 33; and

WHEREAS, more than 225 children under 5 years who were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2001 were totally unrestrained; and

WHEREAS, alcohol-related crashes account for 40 percent of all traffic fatalities; and

WHEREAS, deaths and injuries on U.S. highways cost society over \$150 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi led the nation in 2001 with a 17 percent reduction in motor vehicle crashes compared to those recorded in the state in 2000; and

WHEREAS, safer driving behaviors such as the use of seat belts, not drinking and driving and obeying traffic laws would dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, the continued development of safer vehicles and protective traffic safety equipment such as helmets will enhance the ability of drivers and their passengers to protect themselves and their families from preventable and tragic permanent injuries and deaths; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 10, 2002, as

PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES 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, October 7, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR