

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Thomas Dionysius Clark was born in Louisville, Mississippi, in 1903; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1928 and earned a master's degree from the University of Kentucky in 1929 and his doctorate from Duke University in 1930 before beginning his teaching career at the University of Mississippi—he was personally selected as a faculty member at the University of Kentucky by, then University President, Frank McVey; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1942 Dr. Clark was named chairman of the University of Kentucky's history department where he remained for 37 years even though he taught various times at Harvard, Duke, North Carolina, Tennessee, Rochester, Chicago, Wyoming, Wisconsin, the Claremont Graduate School, Kent State, Stanford, Indiana, and at the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies in Austria—he also lectured overseas for the Department of State at Oxford University and in Greece, India and Yugoslavia; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Clark became well-known with the publication of his first book, *The Beginning of the L&N*, in 1933—he has authored more than 20 books, served as managing editor of the *Journal of Southern History* and chief editor of the volumes *travels in the Old South* and *Travels in the New South* for 16 years; and

**WHEREAS**, best known as Kentucky's Historian Laureate, Dr. T. D. Clark has received numerous awards and honors including the Hellard Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Merit Award from the Association of State and Local History, and holds numerous honorary degrees from a variety of institutions including Lincoln Memorial University, Washington and Lee University, Berea College, University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, Centre College, Indiana University and Transylvania University:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim March 14, 2003, as

**DR. T. D. CLARK 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, March 12, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR