

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, our vast and complex system of justice cannot function without the skills and dedication of our nation's legal support staff; and

WHEREAS, legal support staff provide vital administrative and technical assistance to our courts, government, business and private law; and

WHEREAS, NALS, together with its state and local associations, has initiated an educational program to increase opportunities for legal support staff to observe and learn about courtroom proceedings; and

WHEREAS, during "Court Observance Week" our "Day in Court," legal support staff throughout Jackson, Mississippi will participate in programs to enhance their knowledge of the system which they so ably serve; and

WHEREAS, legal support staff, along with the judges and lawyers in our country, participate in one of life's most satisfying endeavors – the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, many legal support staff have never had any first-hand exposure to courtroom situations to see the inner workings of the judicial branch of our government with which they are so closely associated by reason of their profession; and

WHEREAS, one of the main purposes of NALS is to increase the skill, competence, and usefulness of legal support staff so that they may better serve their employers; within the working of our judicial system, the legal support staff plays an integral role; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Legal Professionals Association/ Mississippi Division of NALS seek to continually enhance the skills and increase the competence of legal support staff:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 13 through October 17, 2003, as

COURT OBSERVANCE WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to recognize the contributions of legal support staff to our system of justice and to commend their efforts to develop their professional knowledge and capabilities.

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, September 15, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR