

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, homeownership is an important part of the American Dream and as Governor, I am committed to helping many more Mississippians achieve that dream—a home provides shelter and a safe place where families can prosper and children can thrive—for many Americans, their home is an important financial investment and it can be a source of great personal pride and an important part of community stability; and

WHEREAS, homeownership encourages personal responsibility and the values necessary for strong families—where homeownership flourishes, neighborhoods are more stable, residents are more civic-minded, schools are better, and crime rates decline—thanks to the resources available in our State, more Mississippians own homes today than at any time in our history; and

WHEREAS, my administration is working to provide all families with the tools and information they need to accumulate wealth and overcome barriers to homeownership.

WHEREAS, Mississippi is partnering with The Department of Housing and Urban Development and local governments, community groups, and the private sector to make the most effective use of Federal funds—through a combination of down payment assistance, tax incentives, and education about the process and responsibilities of homeownership, we are helping many Mississippians buy homes and pursue a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, during National Homeownership Month, I encourage all Mississippians to learn more about financial management and to explore homeownership opportunities in their communities—by taking this important step, individuals and families help safeguard their financial futures and contribute to the strength of our Nation:

NOW, THEREFORE I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim June 2003 as

HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and I call upon the people of Mississippi to join me in recognizing the importance of providing all our citizens a chance to achieve the American Dream.

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 2, 2003,
in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of
the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR