

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the Community Organization for Health Awareness, Incorporated (COHA, INC) was established in 1994 to assist Mississippi communities with addressing the astounding statistics related to heart attack, stroke, cancer, teen pregnancy, teen alcohol and drug abuse as well as other health related matters; and

**WHEREAS**, COHA, Inc. is governed by its Board of Directors and general body;  
and

**WHEREAS**, medical practitioners, social service and other personnel along with community residents volunteer their talent and resources in a collaborative effort to engage, educate and inform underserved communities with regard to the prevention of diseases that plague this population; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, COHA, Inc. has had a tremendous impact on the lives of many residents through annual health fairs and numerous other community based initiatives, all at no cost to recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, a continued improvement in the overall quality of life for many citizens has been realized through COHA, Inc.'s contributions to human kind:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim that September 19, 2003, will be known as

**MISSISSIPPI HEALTH AWARENESS DAY**

in the State of Mississippi and I encourage each resident to fully participate and support all activities that promote this critical cause.

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 12, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR