

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, home care and hospice services provide high quality and compassionate health care services to those in need, especially at times of community or personal health care crisis; and

WHEREAS, home care and hospice are the most preferred method of health care delivery among disabled, elderly, and chronically ill individuals eager to live independently in their own homes as long as they possibly can; and

WHEREAS, home care and hospice services allows families to stay together, and provides for greater health, dignity and comfort in our communities; and

WHEREAS, home care and hospice in the United States are growing alternative to hospitalization or other institution-based forms of health care for acute, chronic and terminal illnesses, providing care to millions of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, thousands of everyday heroes such as home care and hospice nurses, therapists and aides work tirelessly to provide professional health and palliative care and support to millions of Americans in need of quality health services; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated home care and hospice professionals and volunteers form a support network that continues to play a vital role in health care delivery for our nation's disabled, infirmed, and aging population; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for Home Care and thousands of home care and hospice agencies across the United States have declared the month of November 2002 as National Home Care Month and National Hospice Month and are calling on all Americans to observe these occasions with appropriate ceremonies and activities:

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

NATIONAL HOME CARE MONTH

and

NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and encourage the support and participation of all citizens in learning more about the home care and hospice concepts of care for the elderly, disabled, and infirmed.

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, November 15, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR