

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, each year it is estimated that more than 25,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer and some 14,500 women lose their lives to it; and

WHEREAS, one out of every 55 women are at risk of developing ovarian cancer, and thousands of families are affected by this insidious disease; and

WHEREAS, we can help promote the single most effective way a woman can protect herself against ovarian cancer—education; and

WHEREAS, we show our sincere appreciation to the special women in our lives—mothers, grandmothers, aunts, wives, and sisters—and say “I couldn’t have done it without you,” while raising awareness of a disease for which there is no early detection test or cure; and

WHEREAS, The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, Inc., a national not-for-profit organization, and 1-800-FLOWERS.COM have developed “Bring Your Mom to Work Day,” a national awareness and fundraising initiative for ovarian cancer research; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 6, 2003, as

BRING YOUR MOM TO WORK DAY

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to recognize the seriousness of this disease and become more educated about how a woman can protect herself against ovarian cancer.

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, May 1, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR