

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, responsible fathers of the State of Mississippi come together inspired by the best of the American tradition, it is our goal to seek the support of families to provide care, love, nurturing, spiritual guidance, financial support, emotional and social development for their children; and

**WHEREAS**, “Fatherhood: A Rededication of Our Commitment to Our Children and Families” is the theme chosen to issue the call to fathers and to show appreciation for the noble and honorable duties that responsible fathers perform daily on behalf of their children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, all children should have the positive influence of a father to ensure success in school and in life; and

**WHEREAS**, too many young people in Mississippi fail to reach their potential because of family crises, delinquency, drugs, teen pregnancy, and academic failure; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi knows that fathers are important influences in the lives of children, playing a vital role in helping them avoid these downfalls and form educational and life goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi can do even more to ensure the success of her children:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of June 2002, as

**RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD MONTH**

in the State of Mississippi, and commend this observance to the people of this state.

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 11, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR