

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, JOIN HANDS DAY is a national day of neighborhood volunteering, which has helped mobilize more than 160,000 volunteers in 2000 and 2001; and

WHEREAS, JOIN HANDS DAY calls upon all Americans to reach across generations and work with new friends in identifying and fixing problem conditions right where you live; and

WHEREAS, JOIN HANDS DAY is the only day of service on the national calendar specifically targeted toward developing youth and adults relationships through neighborhood volunteering; and

WHEREAS, JOIN HANDS DAY provides an opportunity for young people, adults and seniors to break down the age barriers that lead to citizen separation, mistrust and fear; and

WHEREAS, JOIN HANS DAY strengthens America's communities by meeting neighborhood needs, developing youth and adult leadership, connecting diverse groups of people, and decreasing citizen isolation; and

WHEREAS, JOIN HANDS DAY is led by America's Fraternal Benefit Societies and the Points of Light Foundation and the Volunteer Center National Network, three national organizations that lead in organizing and mobilizing volunteers for American communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 15, 2002, as

JOIN HANDS DAY

in the State of Mississippi.

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