

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Dr. John M. Perkins and his wife, Vera were called to share the gospel of Christ forty three years ago, and have labored tirelessly with a vision focusing on rural communities throughout the United States, to clearly show God's love in action through a grassroots effort; and

WHEREAS, the Perkins' vision has grown into ministries: Mendenhall Ministries (1960), Voice of Calvary Fellowship Church and Ministries (1972), the Harambee Christian Family Center (1984), the Christian Community Development Association (1989), the Harambee Preparatory School Pasadena (1995), and the Spencer Perkins Center for Reconciliation and Youth Development (1998); and

WHEREAS, through these ministries, communities throughout the country provide local leadership to address issues of poor housing, segregated education, lack of employment opportunities, and lack of capital and equip them on how to proclaim the message of loving our neighbor and providing equal opportunities for all Christians; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a new generation of young people grow up to reach out to our hurting loved ones, to equip indigenous leaders who are driven by the love of God to pass on the torch of reconciliation and youth development in America and the world; and

WHEREAS, a weekend has been set aside to honor and celebrate the many milestones in the Perkins' life—the theme, "A Legacy of Life, the Perkins Jubilee;"

NOW, THEREFORE I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim June 14 through June 16, 2002, as

JOHN M. & VERA PERKINS WEEKEND

and designate June 16, 2002, as

JOHN M. PERKINS DAY

in the State of Mississippi as we join in this

50th YEAR OF JUBILEE, A LEGACY OF LIFE

I encourage our citizens to join in this celebration and to pray for God's blessing on this effort to bring the grass roots level of love to our land.

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 12, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR