

**A Proclamation**  
**By**  
**Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Craig Sawyers was born on April 25, 1983, and suffered a Severe Major Closed Brain Injury at the age of three when he was hit by a car—he epitomizes courage, self-determination and independence each day of his life in spite of his multiple disabilities and he has become a role model for many other disabled people in Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Craig has participated in the Special Olympics for three years in track and field and in bowling events and has won many awards including 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place; and

**WHEREAS**, Craig has participated and ridden in disabled horse shows and received many first place ribbons—he has also ridden in the Dixie National Rodeo for two years and has participated in many 4-H shows including riding in the state finals; and

**WHEREAS**, Craig lives his life by exemplifying two mottos: “Success is measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed.” and “The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do;” and

**WHEREAS**, Craig has been an employee with Winn-Dixie since April 2000 and has received the top twelve-employee award three times since it began in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, he is highly regarded and well liked by his fellow employees and management of Winn-Dixie; and

**WHEREAS**, he is an active member of the Antioch Baptist Church and his Pastor considers his life to be a miracle especially because of the extent of his injuries at age three and his success of being independent at age nineteen; and

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Craig Sawyer is a true role model to other disabled people and has become a contributing member of our society—he participates in community events, church activities, is employed, pays taxes, and has a zest for life that is truly contagious:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 13, 2002, to honor the Brain Injury Association of Mississippi’s 2001 Hope Award recipient

**MR. ANTHONY CRAIG SAWYERS**

and commend him for representing the highest ideals of the Hope Award which is presented to an individual who is an inspiration and role model to all disabled citizens of Mississippi in meeting the many challenges of their disability.

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, April 10, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**GOVERNOR**