

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is a serious genetic disorder associated with liver disease in infants, children and adults, and lung disease in young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is the most common genetic disease for which liver transplants are performed in newborns; and

**WHEREAS**, one in thirty-seven people carry the gene for Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, 80,000 to 100,000 U.S. citizens are estimated to have severe Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency, and 20 million more are thought to be affected with a milder deficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency was only identified in 1963 and is misdiagnosed and underdiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, a need has been identified to increase awareness and detection of this misdiagnosed and underdiagnosed disorder:

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

**ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH**

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, April 22, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR