

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is home to many emu farms; and

WHEREAS, the emu has not only adjusted to the state's climate, but is also making a substantial contribution to agricultural endeavors around the state; and

WHEREAS, the emu is environmentally friendly to raise and produces heart-healthy red meat, which has been found in laboratory studies to be lower in fat and higher in protein than other alternative red meats, as well as chicken and turkey, and increases agriculture's ability to sustain and diversify; and

WHEREAS, the emu produces products that benefit mankind that cannot be duplicated such as emu oil; and

WHEREAS, emu's hide is soft and supple enough to be popularly used in the fashion industry and by master bootmakers; and

WHEREAS, a growing sector of the State of Mississippi's agricultural economy comes from the efforts and contributions of emu growers who are involved in raising, processing and marketing emu products, many of whom are members of the Mississippi Emu Association, a non-profit organization whose mission includes encouraging the growth of the emu industry and increasing public understanding of that industry:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the week of May 4 through May 12, 2002, as

NATIONAL EMU WEEK

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, March 18, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR