

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Head Men's Basketball Coach at Alcorn State University, Coach Davey Whitney, has led the program to outstanding success in the past season and has gained Alcorn State national recognition—Coach Whitney will be back for another year as Head Coach in the upcoming season; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Whitney has been named the Southwestern Athletic Conference's Coach-of-the-Year as a result of his team's championship drive during the past season, marking the fifth time he has received this award; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Head Coach Whitney, Alcorn State has won twelve SWAC regular season titles and seven SWAC tournament titles—he has also led the team to the NCAA tournament seven times and the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) twice; and

**WHEREAS**, Alcorn State was the first Historically Black College or University (HBCU) to participate in the NIT, in which they recorded a 80-78 victory over in-state rival Mississippi State in 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, Alcorn State became the first HBCU to ever record a victory in the NCAA tournament with a 70-62 victory over South Alabama—the team currently has a 3-6 overall record in the NCAA tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, Alcorn State has posted 14 20-win seasons under Whitney's guidance including streaks of eight and four consecutive seasons and has also won 25 or more games six times during this span; and

**WHEREAS**, during his career, Coach Whitney celebrated his 500<sup>th</sup> career game with a 91-72 victory over Prairie View A & M on December 20, 1999, and guided the team to the school's 1000<sup>th</sup> overall victory with a 88-77 win over Mississippi Valley State on January 12, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Whitney's accomplishments span from his college days at Kentucky State, to his services in the Armed Forces, to a professional baseball career with the Kansas City Monarchs, and finally to his career as coach—including his role in the 1984, 1985 and 1986 Olympics; and

**WHEREAS**, Whitney was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1992 and to the Alcorn State Hall of Fame in 1996:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 26, 2002, in honor of

**COACH DAVID L. WHITNEY**

for his dedication and commitment to Alcorn State University, excellence in athletics and to 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 26, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR