

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the National Federation of the Blind was organized in 1940 as a national movement to advance the welfare of blind and visually impaired persons economically, socially, and educationally; and

WHEREAS, that National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi was organized in 1972 as an affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind with the same goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, the National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi has labored diligently to promote the concept that it is respectable to be blind or visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, the National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi has led the way in promoting the adoption of the Model White Cane Law for Mississippians and promoted the adoption of regulations that prohibit insurance companies from denying insurance coverage based on blindness and the visually impairment; and

WHEREAS, the National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi provides support for the newly blind as well as a central point for referring individuals to the appropriate service agencies; and

WHEREAS, with our diversity of members scattered across the State of Mississippi we live our philosophy that blindness is not a handicap but is reduced to a physical nuisance with the proper training and with professional training and equal opportunity we can live normal productive lives in our individual communities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi applauds the spirit philosophy and work of the National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi and congratulates them on their 30th year anniversary:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the week of April 7 through April 13, 2002, as

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and call upon Mississippians to observe and support the worthy efforts of the Federation.

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 19, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR