

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) recognizes that participation in recreational sports offers outstanding opportunities for individuals to develop healthy lifestyles, high self-esteem, and improved fitness and wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association strengthens the quality of life for individuals and communities through education and training of recreational sports professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association is an influential force in enhancing the quality of community life through provision of NIRSA-sponsored recreational sports and intramural opportunities on university and college campuses and U.S. military installations, in public recreation programs, correctional institutions, private and not-for-profit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association has been a driving force in the design and development of “state-of-the-art” recreational sports and fitness facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 1950, representatives of 11 Historically Black Colleges met at Dillard University in New Orleans to form the National Intramural Association (NIA), which has become the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim February 22, 2002 as

**NATIONAL RECREATIONAL SPORTS AND FITNESS DAY**

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

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR