

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi is committed to increasing the survivability from Sudden Cardiac Death; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Heart Association is an organization whose mission is to reduce the death and disability from cardiovascular disease and stroke by 25% by the year 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the four links in the cardiac arrest chain of survival are early access to emergency medical services system, early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), early defibrillation, and early advanced medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Heart Association believes as many as 50,000 lives can be saved each year if the chain of survival is strengthened; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Heartbeat, a comprehensive public awareness program of the American Heart Association, is designed to strengthen the links in the chain of survival for Sudden Cardiac Arrest, thus promoting community education, by-stander CPR training, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) placement and advanced care transport as a means to reduce death and risk from Sudden Cardiac Death; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Heart Association's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mass Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Day on Wednesday, January 26, 2002 provides an opportunity to teach Basic Life Support skills to citizens of Mississippi and drastically increase the number of non-healthcare professionals that can perform by-stander CPR; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2002 as

**CPR 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 7, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR