

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries of Mississippi, located in Jackson, Mississippi, was founded in 1956 and gave birth to Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi in 1974; and

WHEREAS, both of these independent Goodwills have carried on the tradition of the past century and have evolved into organizations that serve people through skills training programs, job placement services, post-employment support, and other services like transportation and childcare; and

WHEREAS, due to the hard work and dedication of the men and women in over 200 independent Goodwills throughout the world, the program yielded almost \$2 billion in gross revenues and approximately 550,000 people were served with job placements into competitive employment at an impressive 103,765 people in the year 2001 alone; and

WHEREAS, the self-help method of Goodwill began in 1902 when Dr. Edgar James Helms, a Methodist minister stationed on Boston's East End, wanted to help the destitute people of the area—the system worked and is celebrating the **100th Anniversary** of the Goodwill Movement:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 5 through May 11, 2002, as

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES WEEK

in the State of Mississippi to recognize the services provided by Goodwill Industries and the men and women that support its mission.

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, May 2, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR