

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Happy Hats for Kids, a national non-profit organization, established in 1991 in California, began the tradition of bringing smiles and laughter to hospitalized children with the gift of whimsical and fun hats; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of tall red, white and blue striped felt hats are sewn every year by volunteer inmates in facilities across the United States and are presented to young patients, their siblings, parents, grandparents and the doctors and nurses who care for them; and

WHEREAS, this annual festive event allows hospitalized children, their families and hospital staff a chance to share in the celebration of our country's birthday and provides an opportunity for prison officials to see the impact of the dedication and commitment of the volunteer inmates:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim July 3, 2002, as

HAPPY HATS 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, July 3, 2002,
in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of
the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR