A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Dorothea Sondgeroth, O.P., President of St. Dominic Health Services, has been a champion and advocate for children, the disadvantaged, the disabled person of Mississippi and who has, by word and deed, significantly changed and improved the lives of our most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, throughout her religious life Sister Dorothea has served the community in various roles as an elementary and secondary teacher, as dietitian, as a member of the Congregation's Leadership team and as healthcare leader; and

WHEREAS, being gifted with diverse talents and qualifications, she was assigned to St. Dominic Hospital where she became the Director of Dietetics and Instructor in the St. Dominic School of Nursing and has touched many lives through her teaching and healthcare profession; and

WHEREAS, in 1983 she was elected to serve as one of the four General Councilors for the term of six years and at that time went to serve her Sisters Community throughout the United States and South America; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 she returned to St. Dominic's not as a dietitian, but as the President of St. Dominic Health Services; and

WHEREAS, Sister Dorothea is gifted with a love for people, an enthusiasm for life and helping others, a high energy level and positive attitude that serves to continue to make a positive impact on the lives of millions of people; and

WHEREAS, she will be honored for her life long work on October 17, 2003, and will be presented *THE ETERNITY AWARD* from the Brain Injury Association of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim, October 17th, 2003, in honor of

SISTER MARY DOROTHEA SONDGEROTH

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, September 18, 2003 in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR