

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, African American History Month was established in 1926 to elevate the role of African History in Mainstream America; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of people of African heritage goes back thousands of years beyond that of slavery and includes some of the greatest, most advanced societies in the history of human existence; and

**WHEREAS**, African American History is American History and the contributions made to our nation by people of African descent are numerous and a vital part of the fabric of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans have played an important role in the history of the State of Mississippi, from the early days of slavery to the current days as leaders in such industries as aerospace and international trade; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating African American History Month helps us to appreciate the diversity and character of our region and the highlights the importance of sharing our culture, customs and traditions with those around us:

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

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

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