

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, children are the essence of our being...a child is a precious joy to be treasured with love and tenderness. With each child lies the potential for greatness; therefore to lose a child is an American tragedy; and

**WHEREAS**, in loving memory of all the children who have died from violence in America...we do hereby acknowledge a memorial day in recognition of these children and their loved ones who have suffered such grief; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of June (the word June being derived from the Latin work JU-VEN-IS...meaning...YOUTH)...shall be celebrated as the month of children's awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, children reflect our greatest hope as a nation. Therefore Children's Awareness Month is a time to be spent nurturing and cultivating the joys and treasures of our children. Sharing... Caring...and providing leadership will help preserve the stability of our children and their future; and

**WHEREAS**, stronger families, schools and communities are the foundation for creating healthier, happier and more successful children. By working together with our children in a spirit of community, confidence, pride and self-esteem, we will instill in both their lives and our own, the greatness that comes from being an American. Every child deserves a chance to succeed:

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

**Children's Awareness 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, April 22, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR