

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Dr. Jayne Allen Burrows Sargent began her educational career in Lucedale, Mississippi, where she graduated as valedictorian from Oak Grove High School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sargent furthered her education by receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Tougaloo College, a Master's Degree in Library Service from Atlanta University, her Specialist in Media and Technology from the University of Southern Mississippi, her certification in administration at Jackson State University, and her Doctorate in Education from Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jayne Sargent began serving children as a librarian and eleventh grade English teacher during the 1967-1968 school term at Rowan High School in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and worked in the library at Jackson State University for one year before beginning her service with the Jackson Public School District as a librarian at McLeod Elementary, a librarian/generalist at the Teacher Center, a librarian at Powell Junior High School, and an elementary curriculum coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sargent began her years of service as a school administrator in 1982 with her appointment as Assistant Principal at Callaway High School and continued to serve as Principal at Powell Junior High School, as well as Jim Hill High School, before serving the Meridian Public School District as Deputy Superintendent, Interim Superintendent and Superintendent from 1991 until 1997; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jayne Sargent returned to Jackson to serve as the first woman superintendent of the state's largest school district in 1997 and has lovingly served the Jackson Public Schools in this capacity for five years, during which time she has strengthened the financial soundness and instructional advancements of the district, enhanced the technological resources of its students and staff, and built partnerships in support of children, teachers, and schools with parents and the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sargent has faithfully served the State of Mississippi and its children by her service on the State Board of Education since 1999; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career of public service, Dr. Jayne Sargent has remained committed to public education and has constantly worked for the betterment of her students because she knows our future will be brighter and our world will be made a better place through their lives:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 31, 2002, as

DR. JAYNE SARGENT 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, May 31, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR