

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is the state coordinator for the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), the world's largest cleanup effort on behalf of the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, more than 2,855 volunteers picked up 2,595 bags of trash weighing 35 tons at 46 sites along 73 miles of coastal waterways in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties; and

WHEREAS, although the 2001 Coastal Cleanup took place only days after the national tragedies, volunteers turned out in full force to remove marine debris from our shorelines and collect data for the Department of Marine Resources; and

WHEREAS, the coordinators of the 2002 Coastal Cleanup look forward to a productive event that will benefit the environment and educate the public about the great work the ICC and these volunteers have accomplished:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 21, 2002, as the

MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP

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, March 18, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR