

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the Office for Children and Youth and the Division of Family and Children's Services within the Mississippi Department of Human Services, the Division of Immunization within the Mississippi State Department of Health, and many other organizations are celebrating activities in April 2002 to recognize children; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for activities promoting responsible, informed parenthood; for creating comprehensive preventive care for mothers and young children, especially immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases in children two years old and younger; and for expanding proven state and community-based approaches in order to reverse current patterns of abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, by calling attention to these needs, Mississippi's children are more appreciated and better served; and

**WHEREAS**, activities during April 2002 will acknowledge Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 1-30; the Week of the Young Child, April 7-13; and the National Infant Immunization Week, April 14-20:

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

**THE MONTH OF THE CHILD**

in the State of Mississippi and I urge all citizens to join me in this observance.

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 19, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR