

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, recent statistics provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show that there were 493 alcohol-related traffic fatalities among youths under the age of 21 in April and May 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an average of 8 alcohol-related traffic deaths among drivers under 21 per day; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential danger for young people to be involved in alcohol-related crashes escalates during the summer months; and

**WHEREAS**, The Century Council, a not-for-profit organization has planned a series of initiatives aimed at educating students, parents, teachers, and lawmakers throughout the month; and

**WHEREAS**, the American School Counselor Association has partnered with The Century Council to bring this important message to teens and their parents throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi is working to enlist support to reduce the potential for alcohol-related fatalities by providing the public with information aimed at achieving this goal:

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

**PROM AND GRADUATION SAFETY 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