

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame was established in 1997, to give recognition to individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to martial arts and to increase public awareness in the positive role martial arts plays in the lives of countless participants, young and old, male and female; and

WHEREAS, Professor Silverio Guerra, PH.D., M.A., a 10th degree Black Belt in Karate and Ju-Jitsu, had a pressing need for an institution which could establish and encourage standards of excellence within the many different styles and organizations; and

WHEREAS, through its 2002 induction ceremony, the Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame will honor and recognize the outstanding dedication of practicing martial artists who have demonstrated excellence in their art and who have unselfishly promoted the growth and prestige of the martial arts in their communities; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2002, in Biloxi, Mississippi, the Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame will be inducting martial artists from around the world, including practitioners from the Biloxi area:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 29, 2002, as

MARTIAL ARTS 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, June 11, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR