

**A Proclamation**  
**By**  
**Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi is grateful for the work of Delta Council and its many voluntary leaders from the 18 Delta and part-Delta counties of Northwest Mississippi who have worked tirelessly for economic development, education, flood control, highways, and agriculture in that region; and

**WHEREAS**, on the occasion of the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Delta Council, the State of Mississippi recognizes the outstanding record of the current Delta Council President, Ben Lamensdorf of Cary; and

**WHEREAS**, under Ben Lamensdorf's leadership, Delta Council has been on the forefront of confronting education and health care issues that are so vital to that region's future; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Lamensdorf has been a spokesman and champion of agricultural issues that are important to the State of Mississippi, including state and federal farm legislation and critical policy related to the future of the farm-raised catfish industry that has faced uncertain economic time in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, highway improvements, water resource projects, industrial recruitment and community development have been steady under the emphasis placed on these priorities by Delta Council President Ben Lamensdorf; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Mississippi remain grateful for leaders such as Ben Lamensdorf who give their time and energy toward the advancement and welfare of this entire region of the State:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 24, 2002, as

**DELTA COUNCIL DAY**

in the State of Mississippi, and take the opportunity of this important occasion to recognize the special contributions of Ben Lamensdorf.

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**