

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Mercy Ships was developed in 1978 and holds a vision of serving at least one million people per year by bringing hope and healing to the world's most poor and needy; and

**WHEREAS**, as a charitable Christian relief and development organization, Mercy Ships sails around the globe providing medical care, relief aid, and long-term sustainable change; and

**WHEREAS**, the associates of Mercy Ships love God, love and serve people, have a high level of integrity and are committed to excellence in all endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, Mercy Ships' growing fleet consists of the *Anastasis*, the *Africa Mercy* and the *Caribbean Mercy* with dedicated and determined crews of professional and skilled workers representing almost 40 nations; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1978, Mercy ships has treated more than 200,000 people in village medical and dental clinics, performed over 100,000 dental treatments, and more than 8,000 surgeries such as tumor removal, cleft lip and palate, cataract and crossed-eye surgery, orthopedic and facial reconstruction. Mercy Ships has also provided more than \$25 million worth of medical equipment, hospital supplies and medicines in developing nations and completed over 350 construction and agriculture projects:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim January 27, 2002, as

**MERCY SHIPS DAY**

in the State of Mississippi and urge all Mississippians to acknowledge and support the mission of Mercy Ships to make a difference in the world.

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, January 23, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR