

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo is the official fishing rodeo of Mississippi by an Act of the Mississippi Legislature in 1957; and

**WHEREAS**, the World's Largest Fishing Rodeo, presented annually by civic leaders of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, will take place July 3 through July 7, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the official Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo waters are in the Mississippi Sound of the Gulf of Mexico and for fresh water fishing, anywhere in the bays, bayous, rivers, creeks and lakes within 200 miles north of the Mississippi shoreline. This outstanding fishing rodeo has placed within the top ten sporting, civic and tourist attractions of the entire Southeast and will attract some 300,000 visitors during its five-day run; and

**WHEREAS**, the dates set for this outstanding event, July 3 through July 7, 2002, fall within the period of time in which all species of fish are running and sport fishing is at its best; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rodeo is presented annually by the communities and leaders of the Gulf Coast and will have continuous entertainment, including the Beauty Pageant of the Royal Queen and Princesses and a fireworks display; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that we recognize and express our support for this unique opportunity for Mississippi families to participate in teamwork and to forge memories that will linger in storytelling lore for generations:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim July 3 through July 7, 2002, as

**THE MISSISSIPPI DEEP SEA FISHING RODEO DAYS**

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 2, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR