

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the last epidemic outbreak of polio (or poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis) in Mississippi was in 1954 leaving an estimated ten to twelve thousand polio survivors; and

WHEREAS, rehabilitation had proven successful until new symptoms, including fatigue, muscle weakness, joint and muscle pain, cold intolerance and breathing and swallowing difficulty, began to surface within the polio population twenty-five to thirty years after the original onset of the disease; and

WHEREAS, approximately 25% of all polio survivors will fall victim to these new, debilitating symptoms referred to as post polio syndrome, including 3,000 to 4,000 citizens of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 observance of “National Polio Week” provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of Mississippi to join together to promote research into the cause and eventual cure of post polio syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim June 5 through June 11, 2002, as

POLIO WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all Mississippians to work together to raise public and professional awareness of the late effects of polio and to help ensure that polio survivors throughout the State of Mississippi receive high quality, effective care.

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, March 18, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR