

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Mississippi Baptist Health System has provided more than nine decades of dedicated public service to the disabled citizens of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, “Baptist” has served Mississippi as a Christian-based, non-profit comprehensive medical center and their care extends far beyond the hospital walls at 1225 North State Street in Jackson; and

WHEREAS, they serve rural routes and small towns, where many more Mississippians now have access to their expertise through their local hospital’s affiliation with Baptist; and

WHEREAS, they serve elementary school classrooms to corporate break rooms, where Baptist teaches and promotes preventative health care and wellness, and their services spread into shopping malls and community centers, where they regularly screen for health problems and customize programs to reduce risks; and

WHEREAS, thousands of people feel a connection with Baptist even though they may have never been inside the hospital and it is a relationship based on wellness instead of illness; and

WHEREAS, last year, from Baptist, more than \$170 million was put back into the community through direct contributions, support of numerous community programs such as those offered through the Brain Injury Association of Mississippi and indigent care:

WHEREAS, Mississippi Baptist Health System will be honored for their dedication to public service on October 17, 2003, and will be presented *THE CHALLENGE AWARD* from the Brain Injury Association of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim, October 17th, 2003, in honor of

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HEALTH SYSTEM

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, September 18, 2003 in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR