

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the baton twirling movement has affected the lives of American girls and boys, and now has nearly one-half million active participants; and

**WHEREAS**, baton twirling has been instrumental in building the confidence and character of these young people, and has provided guidance and training so that they might become better qualified citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the art of baton twirling is today one of the largest nationwide beneficial youth movements for girls; and

**WHEREAS**, baton twirling plays an important part in children's hospitals as a unique and effective method of physical therapy; and

**WHEREAS**, baton twirlers lend so much color and inspiration to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, champion twirlers from all over the United States will gather at the University of Notre Dame July 23-27, 2002, to conduct a colorful youth pageant called "AMERICA'S YOUTH ON PARADE"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand National Baton Twirling Championships will be conducted as part of the big Notre Dame festival:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim July 21 through July 27, 2002 as

**NATIONAL BATON TWIRLING WEEK**

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, June 11, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR