

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and /or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly effecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, hereby proclaim October 2003 as

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
MONTH**

in the State of Mississippi and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs that promote improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

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, August 13, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR