

A Proclamation
by
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, Polio Survivors Organization, Inc., is a national organization dedicated to promoting research into the cause and the eventual cure of new, debilitating symptoms, now called Post Polio Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the last epidemic outbreak of Poliomyelitis in Mississippi in 1954 left an estimated ten to twelve thousand Polio Survivors; and

WHEREAS, rehabilitation had proven to be successful until new symptoms began to surface within the polio population, approximately 25 to 30 years after the original onset of the disease; and

WHEREAS, according to the researchers, 25 percent of all Polio Survivors will fall victim to PPS, including approximately three to four thousand Mississippi citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 5-11, 2000 as

POLIO AWARENESS 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, March 9, 2000 in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR