

A Proclamation  
by  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, good vision immeasurably improves the quality of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, more of our citizens are seeing better than ever before in history; and

**WHEREAS**, the allied health professionals known as dispensing opticians provide the technical expertise and skill needed to fabricate and fit eyeglasses, contact lenses and low vision aids to make the best vision possible; and

**WHEREAS**, dispensing opticians are an integral part of the vision care delivery system which enables all citizens to receive vision correction products and services to maximize their vision potential; and

**WHEREAS**, dispensing opticians through programs of state licensure and national certification demonstrate their superb qualifications as members of the vision care delivery team; and

**WHEREAS**, dispensing opticians enhance competition within the optical industry and assure that Mississippi consumers receive vision correction products and services from a provider of their choice; and

**WHEREAS**, dispensing opticians assure that eyewear is available within a wide range of types and brands to fit every consumer's taste and economic means; and

**WHEREAS**, the free market choice of eyewear is guaranteed by the Federal Trade Commission's Prescription Release Rule;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of January, 2001, as

**NATIONAL OPTICIANS MONTH**

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, November 16, 2000 in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR

