

A Proclamation
by
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, approximately 35,000 citizens of the State of Mississippi have mental retardation/developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with mental retardation/developmental disabilities are capable of achieving independence, productivity, and integration in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with mental retardation/developmental disabilities are entitled to enjoy, participate in, and share the same benefits, privileges, and protection afforded other citizens of our State and nation; and

WHEREAS, individuals with mental retardation/developmental disabilities - as self-advocates in conjunction with other interested people, family members, advocacy agencies, and service agencies/organizations - are attempting to educate the general public about their abilities and contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with mental retardation/developmental disabilities are worthy of the total support and acceptance of all citizens of the State of Mississippi;

Now, therefore, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim March 2000,

**MENTAL RETARDATION/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
AWARENESS 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, February 11, 2000, in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR

Eric Clark
Secretary of State