

A Proclamation
by
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, National Sportsmanship Day is a unique program which promotes sportsmanship and enhances a student's leadership and academic skills; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Sportsmanship Day, was founded by the Institute for International Sport, and recognized by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the 2000 National Sportsmanship Day is to promote appreciation for the critical role of ethics, honesty and fair play in athletics, and society in general, through student-athlete outreach programs, "The No Swear Zone," writing and art contests, coaches' forums and other activities aimed at furthering the principles of sportsmanship and ethics; and

WHEREAS, more than 12,000 elementary, middle and high schools, as well as colleges and universities in all 50 states and more than 101 countries will participate in the tenth annual National Sportsmanship Day on Tuesday, March 7, 2000; and

WHEREAS, as part of National Sportsmanship Day, a diverse group of individuals, representing various academic and athletic fields, are selected to serve as Sports Ethics Fellows; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi would like to encourage its young citizens to take advantage of this valuable program and set positive examples for future generations of sports fans:

Now, therefore, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim March 7, 2000,

NATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP DAY

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