

**A PROCLAMATION  
BY  
GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**

**WHEREAS**, the words of the great matriarchs and patriarchs, psalmists and prophets in the Hebrew Bible followed by the gospels and letters of the apostles in the Christian New Testament were recounted first through oral language to generations of people, in Hebrew, Greek and then Latin; and

**WHEREAS**, the rich history of the Bible in print includes the first hand-written English manuscripts in the 1380s in England; a Latin edition in 1456, the first book ever printed; the first English translation and printing of the New Testament in 1525 by William Tyndale; the translation of the Old Testament and printing of the first complete English Bible in 1535 by Miles Coverdale; and the Geneva Bible, printed in Switzerland in 1560, the first Bible to add verses to the chapters, and the first Bible brought to America by the early settlers; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Bible printed in America was in the Algonquin Indian language in 1663, and the first English-language Bible printed in America was in 1782; and today it is the most translated book in the world, in over 2,230 languages; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of people across our nation and around the globe look to the Hebrew or Christian Bible as a source of guidance, with many recognizing the Bible as a basis for our laws, the source of our sense of justice and charity, and the inspiration for many great works of literature, art and music; and

**WHEREAS**, National Bible Week represents all faith traditions who use the Hebrew or Christian Scriptures and is celebrated annually throughout the United States during our Thanksgiving Week;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Ronnie Musgrove, governor of the State of Mississippi do hereby proclaim November 19-26, 2000

**NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have affixed the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2000.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

