

A Proclamation  
by  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Captive Nations Week was approved by a joint resolution of the 86<sup>th</sup> Congress on July 17, 1959, and will be observed again this year, in New York City, beginning on July 16 with an opening prayer in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, a parade up Fifth Avenue, a rally in Central Park, a Freedom Demonstration at the United Nations Headquarters and closing ceremonies in Immanuel Lutheran Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States, whose heritage stems from the achievement of unity in the pursuit of liberty and defense of freedom, serves as a model for people all over the world, and is especially looked upon by those countries which have yet to gain their freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, the liberation of several Captive Nations reinforces the hope, philosophy and hard work by the Captive Nations Committee, Inc., which every year has mounted the Captive Nations Week activities in New York and whose work has included the Rally for Freedom at the Soviet U.N. Mission in New York on October 23, 1989, three weeks before the opening of the Berlin Wall; and

**WHEREAS**, while some Captive Nations have gained freedom, it is important to remember that many others remain under Communist dictatorship, resurgent Communist military aggression and the residual structure of Soviet Russian imperialism; and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inhumane expulsions and genocide of millions in east and central Europe, Asia and other areas, which have been condemned by all civilized nations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim July 16-23, 2000 as

**CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all citizens to observe such a week with support for those of the still remaining Captive Nations and for preservation of the freedom of the former Captive Nations.

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, June 22, 2000, in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR

