

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, that National Association of Professional Martial Artists is celebrating Martial Arts Day on October 18, 2003, to unite millions of children and adults who participate in the martial arts; and

**WHEREAS**, National Martial Arts Day seeks to introduce the values of self control, self discipline, personal defense and physical fitness for every age, race, gender, and ability level; and

**WHEREAS**, martial arts provides a powerful foundation for emotional development and success skills that last a lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, the participation in martial arts builds strength, character, focus, flexibility and coordination, while enhancing performance in other sports, in the workplace, at home and in school; and

**WHEREAS**, martial arts enhances self-esteem, goal setting abilities, anger management and the skills of non-violent conflict resolution in people of all ages, helping them to become more productive and healthy people; and

**WHEREAS**, on National Martial Arts Day, marital arts schools across the United States partner with the National Association of Professional Martial Artist to heighten the visibility of the arts and encourage participation at the grassroots level:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 18, 2003, as

**NATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS 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, November 7, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR