

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, Mattie Porter realized her community's gradual deterioration was in need of major renovation physically, socially, economically and spiritually; and

**WHEREAS**, Mattie Porter along with her pastor Reverend Edward C. Pitchford, asked the question, "Who or what will it take to raise the village?" finding the answer was in the hands of the church to restore our communities and save our youth and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Mattie Porter is co-founder and Youth Director of B.A.S.I.C., a faith-based youth intervention program that provides prevention and early intervention services to at-risk youth and their family to deter violence, teen pregnancy, drug use, and talents to accomplish this goal: "A brighter future for all our children;" and

**WHEREAS**, through B.A.S.I.C, Mattie Porter has involved youth in Prevention and Intervention, Education and Social Events courses; and

**WHEREAS**, Mattie Porter made it her responsibility to make sure that families in her community received the help and education necessary to remain nurtured and has become steadfast in her dedication to organizations with similar goals such as the Mississippi Partnership for Youth and Abstinence for Youth:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim December 5, 2003 as

**MATTIE PORTER 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, December 5, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR