

**A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

WHEREAS, an average of 100 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, brought national attention to the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices faced by fire and emergency services personnel on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and emergency personnel play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our local community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 12, 2003, as

HONORING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

I call upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the day of October 12, 2003, in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel by. Appropriate services and ceremonies in which all of our citizens may join in are encouraged to honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, which, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duties, have rendered invaluable service to their community and its citizens.

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,
October 10, 2003, in the two
hundred and twenty-seventh
year of the United States of
America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR