

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the United States Army is celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the All-Volunteer Army, and it will recognize with great pride the thousands of young Americans who have answered, and will continue to answer the call to service. Those young men and women have shown a profound sense of duty, selfless service and respect through acts of great honor, integrity and personal courage; and

WHEREAS, the All-Volunteer Army is a uniquely American phenomenon that began as an experiment at the height of the Cold War and the quality and success of the volunteer force remains unprecedented; and

WHEREAS, 70% of Americans reported some form of charitable involvement in response to the September 11 tragedies. Volunteering provides a variety of personal benefits and satisfaction, in addition to the benefits received by nonprofit organizations and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, today, the United States Army is recognized as the premier army in the world, with American's volunteer soldiers serving in more than 100 countries; and

WHEREAS, American soldiers are voluntarily foregoing comfort and wealth, facing hardship and sacrifice, and confronting danger in defense of the Nation, the United States Army is and will remain a testament to the success of Army recruiters in attracting the Nation's best and brightest to volunteer

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim Tuesday, July 10, 2003, as

ALL-VOLUNTEER ARMY MONTH

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

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR