

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 875

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2003, the Space Shuttle Columbia and the STS-107 crew: Shuttle Commander Rick D. Husband, Pilot William C. McCool, Payload Commander Michael P. Anderson, Mission Specialists David M. Brown, Kalpana Chawla and Laurel Clark and Israel's first astronaut Ilan Ramon, were lost over the skies of Texas; and

WHEREAS, we mourn the loss of the crew members who gave their life serving their country; and,

WHEREAS, our prayers are with the families and loved ones of these seven heroes; and,

WHEREAS, this State wishes to remember the astronauts of this great tragedy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi do hereby proclaim a period of official remembrance in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction beginning February 1, 2003 and ending February 5, 2003.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 1st day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand and three, and of the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE