

May 26, 2000

The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt  
Governor of Utah  
Chair, National Governors' Association  
444 North Capitol St., Suite 267  
Washington, D.C. 20001-1512

Dear Governor Leavitt:

As First Lady of the State of Mississippi, I would like to extend my personal invitation to you as you consider Mississippi as a possible host for the National Governors Association Annual Meeting.

I am proud of our state, its beauty and the wonderful opportunities it holds for both the people who live, work and raise their families here and for our visitors.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast, which would serve as the host site for the NGA Annual Meeting is perfect for families and for children. We have beautiful sandy beaches and water sports outside the front door of the resort, golfing and tennis is available on any number of courts and courses, outlet mall and retail mall shopping is abundant and the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center will open new doors to learning for all of the children who attend.

The entertainment and recreational options are endless, and we hope that you choose Mississippi for the 2002 Annual Meeting so that we can give you a true taste of southern hospitality.

Very truly yours,

Melanie Musgrove