

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a Family Fraternity striving to make the world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is charged “to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan;” and

WHEREAS, the World of Odd Fellowship is located in every state of the United States, each province of Canada, and twenty-three additional foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, Jon R. Petersen, Sovereign Grand Master, Independent Order of Odd Fellows heads this great Order in the promotion of its various programs: Visual Research, United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth, Educational Foundation, Hunger and Disaster, Living Legacy, and Community Involvement; and

WHEREAS, Jon R. Peterson, Sovereign Grand Master, Independent Order of Odd Fellows will honor the Grand Lodge of Mississippi with his presence during its annual session on June 14, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is honored to recognize Jon R. Petersen, Sovereign Grand Master of Independent Order of Odd Fellows and welcome him to our great state:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 14, 2003, as

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS 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, June 9, 2003,
in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of
the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR