

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, for four centuries, Americans of Irish Heritage have contributed their lives and fortunes to their adopted country; and

WHEREAS, the Irish were the largest European group to inhabit the thirteen colonies in the 75 years leading to the 1776 Revolution and played a significant role in the War for Independence; and

WHEREAS, Irish Americans have excelled in all professions and occupations—education, science, medicine, the arts, politics and in all aspects of human endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Hibernia Marching Society of Mississippi, Inc., was formed to FOSTER, PROMOTE AND PERPETUATE Irish traditions, heritage and fellowship of Irish and Irish American descendants in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Hibernia Marching Society of Mississippi, Inc., is a viable, ethnic organization that contributes energy and funds to enhance quality of life:

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

IRISH HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Mississippi, and encourage all citizens to recognize it appropriately.

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, February 21, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR