

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence Road Trip, a non-profit, nonpartisan project that is taking the document on a three-and-a-half-year cross-country tour, is a multimedia exhibition that presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for people to view this historical document in both a historical and contemporary context, including an extraordinary 14-minute film, historical and contemporary photographs, video and music, and highlights of social and political movements that helped shape the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence Road Trip is led by honorary co-chairs, former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford; the project's advisory board and partners include leaders from education, business, civic, youth service, cultural, entertainment, media and government organizations; and it is sponsored by The Home Depot, with additional funding by The Pew Charitable Trusts, the Annenberg Foundation and Lear Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Producer Norman Lear acquired a Dunlap broadside of the Declaration in June 2000 with the goal of bringing the "People's Document" directly to Americans—especially young people—to inspire them to participate in civic activism, to exercise their rights and above all, to vote; and

WHEREAS, Jackson, Mississippi will host one of the rare, original copies of the Declaration of Independence at the Mississippi State Capitol December 7 through December 15, 2002—the event is free to the public:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim December 6 through December 15, 2002, as

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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, December 4, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR