

*Remarks for the
Inaugural Ceremony of
Mayor Harvey Johnson
July 2, 2001*

Good morning and thank you. This is truly a great day in the capitol city of our great state.

In 1997, Harvey Johnson made history by becoming the first African-American mayor of Jackson.

Today, history repeats itself as we welcome Mayor Johnson on the beginning of a second term.

Mayor Johnson has proven himself as a leader and an effective mayor for the people of Jackson. And, the people recognized that leadership and effectiveness by returning him to office.

It's been said that leadership is action, not position. Harvey Johnson has proven that statement true.

With every elected office come tremendous responsibilities – responsibilities to the people, whether they voted for you or not; to the power that is given through the ballot box; and finally to the office itself.

Mayor Johnson has shouldered those responsibilities and carried them with strength.

Mayor Johnson is returning to office to continue bringing his vision for the city and its people to fruition.

The people of Jackson and the great state of Mississippi deserve our strongest efforts to improve the quality of life – for them, and for future generations.

That's why, at the city and state level, we are focusing on issues important to the people – issues like education, crime, the economy.

And for results to happen, they need strong leaders.

They need men and women who will take on the problems that hit home, who will take on the issues that affect them every day in a thousand little ways.

Mayor Johnson and I share that commitment to the people.

Leadership is not a position. Leadership is action. Mayor Johnson is ready to continue his action.

It's a great day in Jackson, and it's a great day for the people of Jackson.

Mayor Johnson, congratulations on the beginning of a new term and a new day for the great city of Jackson.

