

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, *Mississippi, The Birthplace of America's Music* confirms that which Mississippi has done for American musical culture; and

WHEREAS, *Mississippi, The Birthplace of America's Music* seeks to educate Mississippians about their own state's musical contributions to the world; and

WHEREAS, *Mississippi, The Birthplace of America's Music* demonstrates the depth and variety of music and musicians from Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, *Mississippi, The Birthplace of America's Music* has been organized by the University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra for the cultural good of Mississippi and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, *Mississippi, The Birthplace of America's Music* is the largest concert ever to celebrate Mississippi's musical heritage; and

WHEREAS, *Mississippi, The Birthplace of America's Music* is an event which includes over one thousand high school, college, university and professional musicians; and

WHEREAS, *Mississippi, The Birthplace of America's Music* is comprised of Mississippians of all ages from all over the state; and

WHEREAS, *Mississippi, The Birthplace of America's Music* has been of significant benefit to the cultural image of the entire State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, *Mississippi, The Birthplace of America's Music* is a cultural event worthy of international artistic attention; and

WHEREAS, 2003 is the *Year of the Blues* in the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim May 1, 2003, as

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in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to recognize the extraordinary contribution and pleasure that this event has provided to the state.

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, April 14, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR