

**A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

WHEREAS, Liberty Day is a celebration originated by the Colorado Lions to call attention to both the Declaration of Independence and United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance takes place on March 16, birthday of the fourth United States President James Madison, who introduced the Bill of Rights to Congress; and

WHEREAS, its primary mission is education and to make all citizens aware of the significance and content of both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, in order that voters might appreciate the incredible rights and responsibilities to be found in those documents; and

WHEREAS, many state legislators from all around the country talk to kids about their rights and responsibilities as spelled out in the Constitution and why they have those rights and responsibilities as Americans; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of Liberty Day is the protection and continuation of American liberties and Liberty Day volunteers are making sure that the basic liberties ensured by America's founding documents are not forgotten:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim March 16, 2003, as

LIBERTY 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, March 13, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR**