

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Capitol is one of the most beautiful and historical capitols in the nation and was designed by architect Theodore C. Link of St. Louis –it is a prime example of Beaux Arts architecture, characterized by large and grandiose composition, symmetry, classical detail, and colossal columns among other great details; and

WHEREAS, built on the site of the old penitentiary, the center dome of the Capitol rises 180 feet and the building stands 402 feet wide on thirteen acres that boast twenty varieties of trees, seasonal flowers, and several memorial statues including the Women of the Confederacy Monument and a commemorative replica of the Liberty Bell; and

WHEREAS, the \$1,093,641 construction of the Capitol building began in March 1901 and was completed in July 1903; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the Capitol underwent a \$19,000,000 renovation to restore the public areas and create more efficient office space for the legislature and governor; and

WHEREAS, renovations were completed in 1982 and Governor William F. Winter proclaimed June 3, 1983, as “New Capitol Rededication Day,” 80 years from the original dedication; and

WHEREAS, June 3, 2003, will mark the 100th Anniversary of the original dedication of the Capitol building and will celebrate its historic preservation by the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim June 3, 2003, as

STATE CAPITOL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DAY

in the State of Mississippi and urge all Mississippians to take part in this historical celebration.

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, June 3, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR