

A Proclamation
by
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, we Americans enjoy liberties through the documents that our founding fathers created those being known as the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution with its Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, James Madison wrote the Virginia Plan, the model and the basis for our constitution, in the Constitutional Convention of 1787, replacing the Articles of Confederation; and

WHEREAS, James Madison wrote many of the newspaper articles which outlined the reasons that the states should endorse the new constitution; and

WHEREAS, the articles became known as the Federalist Papers; and

WHEREAS, James Madison served in the U. S. House of Representatives from 1789 until 1797 during which time he introduced into Congress the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, James Madison was President of the United States from 1809 until 1817; and March 16, 2000 is the 249th anniversary of the birth of James Madison;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim March 16, 2000 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 9, 2000 in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR