

Mississippi Main Street Association  
Press Conference  
Tuesday, June 6, 2000  
1:00 p.m.

(immediately following lunch – 1<sup>st</sup> floor library of the Crowne Plaza) J.C. will start the press conference and then introduce Beverly Meng. She will introduce you.

**Talking Points**

- This billion-dollar mark for Mississippi Main Street Association is a tremendous achievement.
- I am delighted that Mississippi is the first state to reach this level of private and public reinvestment within the designated Main Street commercial district.
- Mississippi Main Street has earned, and deserves, this kind of positive national recognition.
- I would like to congratulate the Mississippi Main Street for this accomplishment.
- My compliments to Beverly Meng and her staff for their great work, and I would also like to thank the Mississippi Main Street Association Board of Directors for their commitment to this program.

- This is quite an accomplishment, and one that shows once again that Mississippi is leading the way, and setting the example for other states.
- The 31 active programs in the State of Mississippi are dedicated to downtown redevelopment and economic growth in their cities and across our state.
- The partnerships that have been formed to provide such successes across Mississippi bring people and businesses from both the public and private sector together with the common goal of making Mississippi a better place to live, work and raise a family.
- Congratulations to the Mississippi Main Street Program and the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development.
- Thank you.