

The Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson in 1776, is still the foundation for our nation in 2002. The timeless words of the Declaration appeal to the most basic human hopes and dreams.

The tremendous document that has served as the basis for the greatest government in history still lives today. Only 25 original copies of the Declaration of Independence still exist, and one of them is now in Jackson. From December 7 to December 15, this original copy will be on display in the Mississippi State Capitol.

The words on this 226-year-old piece of paper have shaped the course of our nation's history. We should all take the time to let it inspire us again, to renew our sense of thanksgiving and hope for this great country of ours.

The Declaration of Independence is a document like none other. Don't miss this opportunity to see for yourself how well-chosen words on a piece of paper can alter the course of history, and secure the freedoms of generations.

I'm Ronnie Musgrove, and this has been the Mississippi Minute. Thanks for listening.