

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



## A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi is rich with a distinct culture and heritage, contributing to employment, economic prosperity, international trade and relations, peace, understanding, and goodwill; and

**WHEREAS**, our various communities contain a wealth of literary, musical, culinary, history, art, architecture and heritage providing an enormous amount of enjoyment to our citizens and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to celebrate the role of culture and heritage in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve and promote that which has shaped us;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Haley Barbour, Governor of Mississippi do hereby proclaim May 2008 as

## Mississippi Culture and Heritage

in Mississippi, and I call upon the people of Mississippi to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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 on the 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eight, and in the independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-second.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Haley Barbour'.

HALEY BARBOUR

