
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN'S "GEORGE WASHINGTON EDUCATION DAY" INITIATIVE
DATE: 4/22/02
CC: MAYO

MDE forwarded me information today on the Smithsonian Institution's "George Washington Education Day" initiative. The Smithsonian is sponsoring this initiative as part of its new *George Washington: A National Treasure* traveling exhibit, which will visit 8 sites over the next three years.

The Smithsonian has requested that Dr. Thompson work with this office to have you proclaim a day in November 2002 as "George Washington Education Day" in Mississippi. The Smithsonian will arrange a special press event at the state capitol (or other site designated by this office) on that day for you and Dr. Thompson to participate in. The Smithsonian will also present Mississippi with a museum-quality reproduction of the "Lansdowne" portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart. The Smithsonian is sponsoring these events to celebrate Washington's legacy and to announce the availability of free George Washington education materials created by the Smithsonian for schools.

I think this could be a great press event that can have an educational, as well as a patriotic, angle and that you should support this initiative. If you agree, I can work with Joy Milam at MDE, Lee Ann and Jill on scheduling a date for the Mississippi event. I'll work with Kim on the proclamation.

Please advise as to your wishes on this matter. Thanks!