

A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

**WHEREAS**, the legendary gospel harmony quartet, The Pilgrim Jubilees, celebrated 47 years of singing with their 1997 multi-Stellar-nominated album “Don’t Let Nobody Turn You Around;” and

**WHEREAS**, the group began in 1934, in Houston, Mississippi, when Elgie Graham and Willie Johnson formed a gospel duet—12 years later, in 1946, the group added new members Theophilles Graham, Monroe Hatchett, and Leonard Brownlee—and the early Pilgrim Jubilees were born; and

**WHEREAS**, the group flourished until about 1950, when the Grahams moved to Chicago but Elgie Graham soon revived and reorganized the group, signing on Major Roberson, Kenneth Madden and his brothers, Cleve and Clay Graham, as members; and

**WHEREAS**, even through a few departures and additions, the group has released seven hit albums on Malaco Records, which became their home in 1987 after their era with gospel’s venerable Savoy Records; and

**WHEREAS**, The Jubes have preformed in concert on the world’s greatest stages including the Kennedy Center, the Appollo Theatre, the Astrodome, and Disneyland California—they are also regulars at major music festivals from the Bahamas to the New Orleans’ Jazz & Heritage Festival:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim

**The Pilgrim Jubilees**

as 2002 recipients of the Jackson Music Awards **Legend Award in Gospel** and commend you for your talents and accomplishments in the music industry.

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, July 14, 2001, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR