

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the discovery of America in 1492 was made possible through the support of Queen Isabella of Castile (1451-1504), wife of King Ferdinand of Aragon; and

WHEREAS, Queen Isabella personified enlightened endeavor; through her sustained commitment to the efficacy of exploration and discovery, Queen Isabella gave both impetus and definition to those qualities of fortitude and valor most closely associated with the Hispanic heritage; and

WHEREAS, humanitarian in conduct and deed, Queen Isabella freed the Indians who had been brought back to Spain as slaves in her edict of July 20, 1500; it is recorded that she often expressed personal concern for the plight of the American Natives; and

WHEREAS, the greatness of Queen Isabella paved the way for immigrants from all over the world who came to build a new nation; and

WHEREAS, the history of America is tied to the history of Spain and its illustrious Queen and the common bonds of friendship, tradition, dignity and individual freedom have long joined the people of the United States and the people of Spain; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2002, the people of Spain and the people of America will celebrate the 551st birthday of Queen Isabella:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 22, 2002, as

QUEEN ISABELLA DAY

in the State of Mississippi, and call upon all citizens to recognize the outstanding contributions of Queen Isabella on this, her 551st birthday.

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, April 2, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-fifth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR