

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh immigrants settled in what is now the great State of Mississippi as early as the mid-1700's, establishing homes, churches, schools, farms, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Irish, Scottish, and Welsh share common ancestry and are, therefore, all Celtic peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Celtic settlers made significant contributions in every aspect of life and in every field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Celtic settlers began the tradition of honoring their ancestry and have continued this tradition through the Celtic Heritage Society of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Celtic music, dance, culture, and ancestry will be celebrated at the 17th Annual CelticFest in Jackson, Mississippi in honored remembrance of those who helped to settle our great state:

NOW THEREFORE I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim September 5 through September 7, 2008, as

Celtic Heritage Weekend

in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to join in the festivities and celebrations.

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 twenty-fourth day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eight, and in the independence of the United States the two hundred and thirty-second.



Haley Barbour
GOVERNOR