

# State of Louisiana



*M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.*  
Governor

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the great state of Louisiana recognizes the importance of effective research, development, and publication of fiction and nonfiction literary works for the dissemination of information, education, and environment; and
- WHEREAS, the effective development and distribution of independently published literature contributes greatly to our quality of life; and
- WHEREAS, small presses and independent publishers in our state strengthen the quality of this communication through research and publication; and
- WHEREAS, productivity, global competition advantage, and standards of professional excellence are enhanced by fostering bridges of communication between individuals and publishing entities who create and disseminate ideas and those who use them; and
- WHEREAS, booksellers, distributors, and book buyers--to include wholesalers, retailers, authors, and the general reading public--are encouraged to participate in efforts to promote and sustain the small press publishing environment by supporting independent publishing entities thereby ensuring an expansive literary quality of life for the citizens of Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS, numerous small presses and independent publishing entities throughout the state of Louisiana that participate in and/or support local book fairs and the Louisiana Book Festival exist to enrich the education, professionalism, knowledge base, and personal fulfillment of persons who encourage, provide, and otherwise endorse publishing endeavors; and
- WHEREAS, these supporters include authors, publishers, professors and teachers, seminar and presentation instructors, librarians, wholesalers and distributors, retail booksellers, and all others concerned with the promulgation of small press and independent publisher growth and continuity of operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2003, as

## INDEPENDENT PUBLISHER MONTH

in the state of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 30th day of January A.D., 2003.*

Attest By  
The Governor

*Joseph M. Keithen*  
Secretary of State

*M. J. Foster, Jr.*  
Governor of Louisiana