



## **WELCOME CENTERS**

### **ARTS, CRAFTS, AND FURNISHINGS POLICY**

Mississippi Welcome Centers function as an extension of the warmth and hospitality of Mississippians to visitors by providing them with information and services designed to promote travel spending in our state. According to the Federal Aid Highway Program Manual, Volume 6, Chapter 2, Section 5, Subsection 1, Welcome Centers/Information Centers are for the purpose of providing specific information to the motorists as to services, attractions, culture, heritage, and such information the state may consider desirable. Because the Centers play such a prominent role in providing travelers with an impression of Mississippi, all arts, crafts, paintings, furnishings, etc., displayed in the Welcome Centers must be approved by the Mississippi Development Authority.

#### **I. Display Placement**

Anyone interested in displaying arts, crafts, paintings, etc., in Mississippi Welcome Centers should contact the individual Welcome Center Supervisors or:

**Marlon Ivy, Bureau Manager  
Welcome Centers & Visitors Services  
P.O. Box 849,  
Jackson, MS 39205-0849  
601-359-3297**

If items are approved for placement in the Centers, Bureau Manager Marlon Ivy and/or the Welcome Center Supervisor have discretion as to where they are to be placed. It is recommended that items are allowed to remain in Centers on a thirty (30) day rotating basis. After thirty (30) days, at the discretion of the above mentioned persons, items will be replaced. Items for display will be considered on a first come - first serve basis.

#### **II. Criteria for Displays**

1. Items must promote attractions, culture, or heritage of Mississippi.  
No other items will be considered for display.
2. Items should be attractive and in good condition.
3. Items considered promoting an attraction must be in miniature.
4. Mississippi Welcome Centers will not be held liable for any artifacts, paintings, etc., approved for display. Owners will display at their own risk.