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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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**What:** Dixie National Parade  
**Where:** Downtown Jackson - Begins on Mississippi Street at the Fairgrounds  
**When:** Saturday, February 9 at 10:30 a.m.

### **Dixie National Parade Set for February 9 Takes New Route**

**Jackson, Miss.**-It's Dixie National Time! For several weeks each year, Mississippi plays host to the biggest and best rodeo and livestock show in the south, bringing thousands of people to the capital city of Jackson for adventure, amazing competition, and standout entertainment.

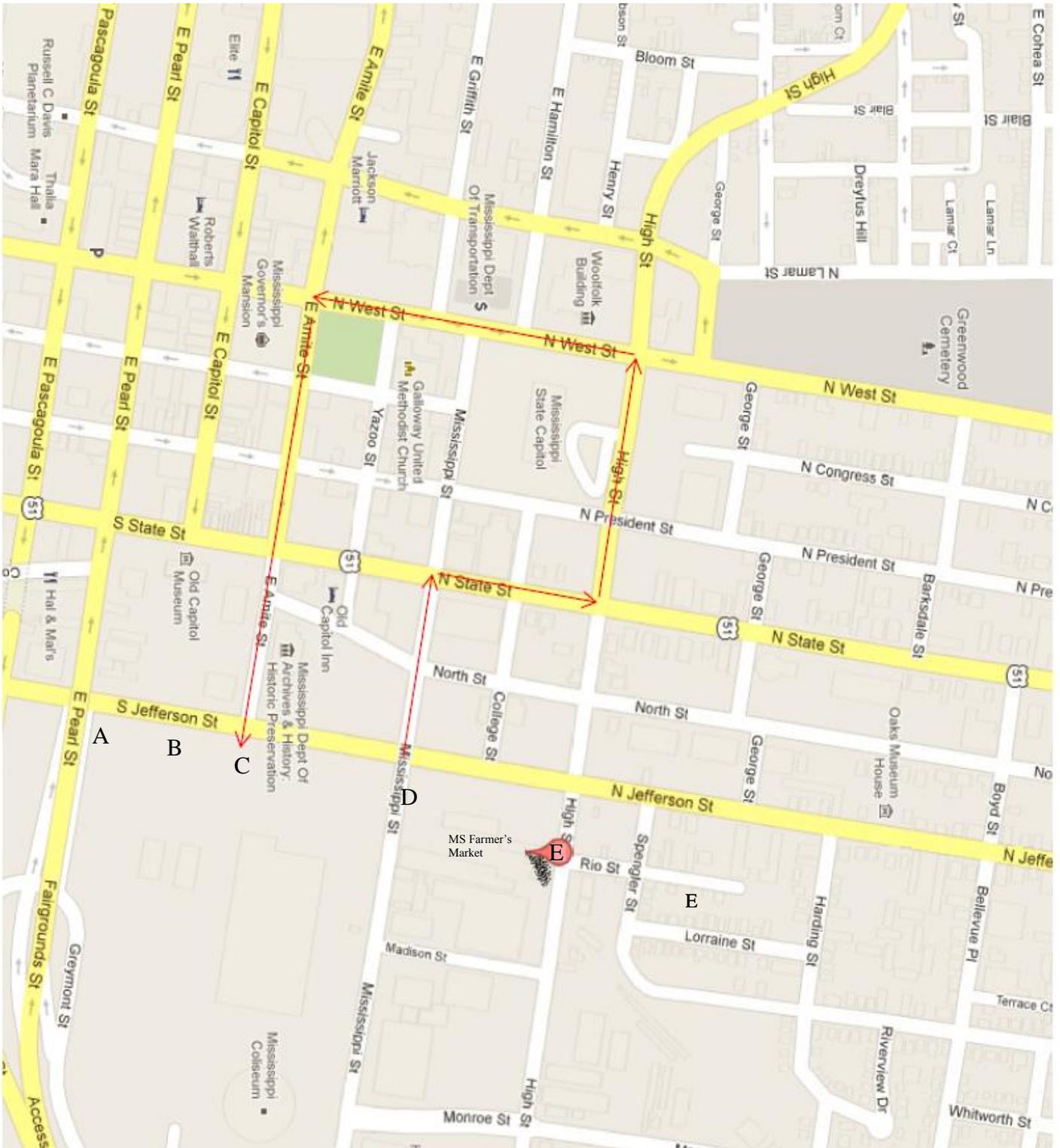
The always fun and exciting parade that accompanies this event every year is set for Saturday, February 9 and has both a new start time as well as a new route. Getting under way at 10:30 a.m., the parade procession includes an array of beauty queens, marching groups, floats, car clubs, motorcycles, horses, wagons, riding groups, and so much more. Beginning on Mississippi Street, the procession makes a right on State Street, turns left on High Street, proceeds left onto West Street circling the Capitol with another left onto Amite Street, and travels back to the Fairgrounds.

This year's Dixie National Parade salutes *Mardi Gras* season with its theme the "*Groovy Gras*" --- a fun and cool jubilation of cowboys and cowgirls of all ages; livestock showmanship, and lots of pomp and pageantry.

Following the parade, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Cindy Hyde-Smith will present awards to the winning groups at the Mississippi Farmers Market at 1:00 p.m. The Dixie National Parade is free to the public, so don your bell bottoms, put on your beads, and slip into a *Groovy Gras* this year at the Dixie National Parade.

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**Parade route map is attached.**



**DIXIE NATIONAL PARADE**

**A – ASSEMBLY AREA FOR HORSES – GATE 3**

**B – ASSEMBLY AREA FOR NON MOUNTED GROUPS – JEFFERSON STREET**

**C – CHECK IN AND DISBAND ON THE FAIRGROUNDS – GATE 1**

**D – WAGON TRAINS LINE UP – MISSISSIPPI STREET**

**PARKING – GATE 3**

**LIVESTOCK – GATE 3/GATE 14**

**E – MS FARMER’S MARKET – AWARDS PRESENTATION**

