



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN GEORGIA

- WHEREAS: Since our nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for inspiration, strength and guidance and sought to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God. Prayer was so important to our forefathers that they declared freedom of religion as one of our fledgling nation's greatest needs; and
- WHEREAS: A National Day of Prayer was first established by the Continental Congress in 1775, and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to recognize the tradition of prayer in our land; and
- WHEREAS: We are afforded the privilege of prayer and the joy of seeking guidance, strength, comfort and inspiration from Almighty God. Regardless of our individual beliefs and faith practices, we have an assurance that God hears our prayers and faithfully responds to our humble petitions; and
- WHEREAS: Our state and her people have been blessed, and we have faith that this is a direct result of the heartfelt prayers of Georgia families and individuals. We are proud to join the nation in observing May 7, 2009, as a Day of Prayer, with its theme, "Prayer...America's Hope"; and
- WHEREAS: During these trying economic times, we pray for our families under stress and for our leaders as they work to resolve the difficult issues we face; and
- WHEREAS: We continue to pray for God's blessing upon our military troops, here and abroad, praying for protection, wisdom and divine guidance as they serve our nation. We pray for our heroes here at home who risk their lives every day to protect us, including police officers and firefighters, and ask that God watch over them as they watch over us; and
- WHEREAS: We remember and mourn for all Americans lost whose mission was to protect us here at home or to free the helpless abroad. As they join our forefathers; many of whom also made the ultimate sacrifice, we ask the Lord to bless and comfort their families; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2009, as a DAY OF PRAYER in Georgia and encourage our citizens to pray for God's blessings on our nation and her people.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.



*Sonny Perdue*  
GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF