



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: HB 380 creates a new state banner with three red-and-white stripes and the state coat of arms on a blue field in the upper left corner; and

WHEREAS: HB 380 becomes effective upon its approval by the Governor and sets forth a new official state flag once the legislation is signed; and

WHEREAS: The Governor has signed HB 380 as of this date; and

WHEREAS: HB 380 calls for a referendum to be held in March 2004 where voters can indicate their preference between the new state flag or Georgia's prior state flag, as codified by Ga. L. 2001, p. 1, § 1; and

WHEREAS: Georgia law provides that the state flag shall be displayed on appropriate occasions in the public and private schools of this state and in all patriotic meetings, shall be carried by every force of the organized militia when on parade or review, and displayed by any agency that is eligible to receive appropriated state funds;

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY
VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF
GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the new state flag, as adopted by House Bill 380, be displayed as soon as it becomes available to each entity required to display the state flag, and that these entities should take all necessary steps to procure flags conforming to law as quickly as possible;

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the prior state flag may be displayed until new flags meeting the parameters of the law are available;

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That, upon removing the prior state flag, each entity required to display the state flag shall preserve and retain the prior flag.

This 8th day of May, 2003


GOVERNOR