

DIABETES AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Diabetes affects 18.2 million Americans, including 600,000 Georgians; although, the cause of diabetes is still a mystery, both genetics and environmental factors appear to play roles; and
- WHEREAS: Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life; and
- WHEREAS: Diabetes has wide-ranging implications for the entire family of the diagnosed individual, and early diagnosis, research, training and education are vital to reducing the negative effects of diabetes; and
- WHEREAS: Significant progress has been made in the last few decades in the areas of research and diagnosis for diabetes, resulting in an improved quality of life for individuals living with diabetes; and
- WHEREAS: Diabetes is a complex disability that requires research to find a cure and prevention, as well as increased recognition and understanding to ensure that individuals with diabetes are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives; and
- WHEREAS: Recognizing achievements in this field and continuing these efforts by promoting the awareness and fostering the understanding of diabetes is in the best interest of the state; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2005, as DIABETES AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand five.