

## LET FREEDOM RING

- WHEREAS: The tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Philadelphia at two o'clock in the afternoon of July 4, 1776 punctuated the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and
- WHEREAS: The adoption of this historic document marked the birth of the United States of America which would become a free and independent nation; and
- WHEREAS: It is fitting that the anniversary of this great event should be appropriately observed each year throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The Congress of the United States resolved in 1963 that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells throughout the United States when the clock strikes two o'clock in Philadelphia, eastern daylight time, on the fourth day of July; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby recognize the observance of the NATIONAL "LET FREEDOM RING" BELL RINGING CEREMONY.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand five.