

BELLS FOR REMEMBRANCE MONTH

WHEREAS: Bells for Remembrance is a breast cancer awareness campaign sponsored by the Breast Health Connection of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Traditionally, the campaign has occurred on Mother's Day each year in churches across our state, and this year the campaign expands to businesses and organizations during the entire month of May; and

WHEREAS: Congregations are asked to ring a bell, strike an organ or piano key three times, or use a moment of silence to emphasize the importance of breast cancer screening and remember those who have struggled with this disease; and

WHEREAS: Businesses and organizations are encouraged to arrange displays, distribute materials or host lunch-and-learn programs to urge female employees to utilize the mammography benefit offered to them in their health insurance plan or through cancer screening services offered by public entities; and

WHEREAS: We encourage our mothers, sisters, daughters, wives and friends to make time for this vital, and often life-saving, health screening; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2003 as BELLS FOR REMEMBRANCE MONTH in Georgia and urge businesses, churches, synagogues, mosques, and organizations to participate in this important activity.

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