

## FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Hundreds of Americans die each year due to food-induced anaphylaxis, by unknowingly eating a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS: Anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe allergic reaction involving major organs in the body simultaneously. In severely allergic individuals, it can cause death in a matter of minutes; and

WHEREAS: Researchers estimate 6 to 7 million Americans have food allergies, with children the largest group affected. Symptoms can include hives, swelling of the throat, and digestive and respiratory distress; and

WHEREAS: Meals at restaurants and at school are the situations posing the highest risk for people with food allergies. Waiters and cafeteria staff are not always aware of the ingredients used to prepare the food they are serving and are unprepared to handle an allergic reaction; and

WHEREAS: Since there is no cure for potentially fatal food allergies, strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to avoid a reaction; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2003, as FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.



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