

NURSE PRACTITIONER DAY

WHEREAS: There are 4,500 advanced practice registered nurses in Georgia, many of whom are nurse practitioners. Nurse practitioners provide quality health care in hospitals, physicians' offices and other health care settings in urban, rural and medically underserved regions of our state; and

WHEREAS: For more than ten years, nurse practitioners have contributed significantly to the improved health care and well-being of our citizens and remain dedicated to every patient through continuing education, credentialing and personal commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS: An important mission of Emory University School of Medicine's, Department of Emergency Medicine and the Grady Health Services Emergency Care Services is to promote high-quality, cost-effective and accessible health care as part of teams that include physicians, physician assistants, nurses and nurse practitioners. This mission includes promoting the professional development of nurse practitioners, as well as the nurse practitioner profession, in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: We are proud to join the nation in recognizing the nurse practitioner professionals in our state who are indispensable in the quest for superior health care and perform duties vital to the promotion of good health; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2003, as NURSE PRACTITIONER DAY in Georgia in recognition of this profession and encourage our citizens to express appreciation for their contributions to our health care.

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

