

PHYSICIANS' APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS: Over 15,000 physicians in Georgia guard our health and work long and unusual hours to care for patients and participate in research to prevent and cure diseases; and

WHEREAS: The first recognition for Georgia's physicians came in 1933 when Doctor's Day was observed by the Barrow County Auxiliary in Winder. Mrs. Charles B. Almond, a local doctor's wife, presented the idea of designating a special day to honor Doctors of Medicine; and

WHEREAS: The auxiliary adopted a resolution designating March 30 each year as Doctor's Day in honor of the date on which Georgia physician Crawford W. Long first used ether as anesthesia; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's physicians provide quality health care and service to millions of patients each year, thereby making a significant impact on the economic prosperity of our state; and

WHEREAS: Initiated in the State of Georgia, other states across the nation now set aside a day to honor, recognize and appreciate the contributions and service of physicians; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2003, as PHYSICIANS' APPRECIATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand three.