

SCANDINAVIAN DAY

WHEREAS: Since the founding of our nation, people of Scandinavian heritage have made their homes in Georgia, becoming leaders in the arts, sciences, education, business and government; and

WHEREAS: The people and culture of the Scandinavian countries – Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden – are vital to the ethnic traditions of the United States and have made significant contributions to the development and history of Georgia and the nation; and

WHEREAS: Generations of Americans with Scandinavian ancestors and heritage have enriched all aspects of our state and national life through their achievements, their commitment to family and community and a deep love of liberty; and

WHEREAS: On May 3-4, 2003, people will gather together to foster and increase appreciation and understanding of the diversity and richness of the Scandinavian heritage; to award scholarships to Scandinavian students; and to present an international perspective to the community; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is proud to recognize and celebrate the cultural heritage of the Scandinavian people and the deep roots of friendship, values and family traditions we continue to share; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2003, as SCANDINAVIAN DAY in Georgia and encourage our citizens to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

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