

GEORGIA DAY

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia was founded by General James Edward Oglethorpe, who received a Royal Charter for establishing a 13th colony in honor of King George II and led 116 people from England on the *HMS Anne*, landing near present-day Savannah on February 12, 1733; and

WHEREAS: Since her founding 276 years ago, Georgia has grown from its original settlers to over 9 million people today and has progressed from a rural state to a commercial, financial and cultural center for the Southeast; and

WHEREAS: The annual ceremony honoring our state's anniversary will feature the Georgia Military College Marching Band, Color Guard, and Regimental staff of the 130th Corps of Cadets for this commemorative occasion at the State Capitol on February 12, 2009; and

WHEREAS: All Georgians are invited to rediscover our natural, cultural and historic wonders and sites and to encourage people throughout our nation and the globe to recognize the many people, institutions and events that have shaped Georgia's significant place in our country's history; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2009, as GEORGIA DAY in honor of our state's 276th anniversary and call upon all Georgians to celebrate our proud and rich heritage.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.