

## POLICE WEEK

WHEREAS: The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which this day falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS: The men and women of the law enforcement agencies in Georgia play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our citizens; and

WHEREAS: It is important that all Georgians know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of law enforcement officers, who recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS: Police Week 2010 provides an opportunity to commemorate law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves a respected and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 10-16, 2010 as POLICE WEEK in Georgia with May 15, as PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice or become disabled in service to their community, and to also recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.