

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

WHEREAS: Emergency medical service is vital to the livelihood of Georgia's citizens. The members of emergency medical services teams stand ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty four hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS: Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS: The emergency medical services system consists of physicians, nurses, medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others. The members of these teams, whether career or volunteer, commit to thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS: The efforts of these valiant citizens save the lives of Georgians every day, and we all benefit from the knowledge and skill of these highly trained individuals. It is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of emergency medical services providers; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 15–21, 2005, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand five.