

MDA FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH

- WHEREAS: Hundreds of dedicated and selfless firefighters in our state provide vital and lifesaving services to the citizens of their communities; and
- WHEREAS: At a moment's notice, these men and women risk their lives by subduing fires and rescuing those trapped in infernos, as well as saving citizens from emergencies that could have been deadly situations; and
- WHEREAS: Firefighters contribute significantly to the continued well-being of Georgians through their outstanding commitment to community service. Their sense of duty and responsibility is evidenced by their hundreds of volunteer hours in annual boot drives to collect funds to fight Muscular Dystrophy; and
- WHEREAS: For over 50 years, firefighters throughout Georgia and the nation have worked to eradicate the muscular dystrophies, Lou Gehrig's disease, myasthenia gravis and other neuromuscular diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Many of Georgia's citizens have benefited from the funds raised by firefighters in the "Fill-the-Boot" Campaign, and these public servants make invaluable contributions to our state in all the tasks they perform; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2005 as MDA FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH in Georgia and encourage our citizens to commend our firefighters for their numerous contributions to public service.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand five.