

DIA DE LA MUJER LATINA

WHEREAS: Since 1997, Día de la Mujer Latina, a unique and culturally sensitive health project, has achieved tremendous success because of its partnership with the American Cancer Society, the Mexican Consulate and local Latino-based organizations, hospitals and county clinics, in an effort to eliminate health disparity among our ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS: This daylong health festival is widely anticipated by our Latino community, and we have succeeded in eliminating some of the cultural and systemic barriers to access to care within this population-at-risk; and

WHEREAS: Día de la Mujer Latina provides a culturally appropriate setting for Latinas to receive free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer education and screening, HIV testing, vision testing, sexually transmitted disease testing, diabetes screening and pregnancy tests, in addition to domestic violence education; and

WHEREAS: Ethnic-specific education and awareness are critical in the prevention and treatment of illness and disease; and

WHEREAS: In addition to women's health, Día de la Mujer Latina provides immunizations for children, prostate cancer screening for men and colorectal cancer screening for men and women; and.

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2003, as DIA DE LA MUJER LATINA in Georgia.

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

