

EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Epilepsy is a condition that affects as many as 2.5 million Americans and kills 42,000 annually; and
- WHEREAS: Seizures are the most common neurological disorder of childhood, with 120,000 children in the country receiving medical attention each year due to a first or newly-recognized seizure; and
- WHEREAS: The Leon Bender Foundation and Emory University School of Medicine are partners in research initiatives that will allow for the discovery of new treatments for epilepsy; and
- WHEREAS: On April 14th, 2003, Leon Bender, who died prior to his first National Football League training camp as a result of a seizure, will be honored; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2003, as EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY in Georgia, and I urge all citizens to join in this special observance.

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