

FAITH COLLABORATION DAY

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia has a rich heritage of diverse faiths that are committed to identifying and helping those in need; and

WHEREAS: The diversity of Georgia's citizens is growing as we welcome people from around the world; and

WHEREAS: Faith organizations can bring the wisdom of their traditions, the unique perspectives of their communities and specific resources to address needs, from preventing domestic violence to providing job training for the unemployed; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia seeks to expand its partnerships with faith-based and community organizations in fulfilling the "Charitable Choice" federal law and supports legislators, spiritual leaders, community activists and business leaders to ensure that fairness exists for faith-based organizations seeking equal access to government funding as they serve their communities; and

WHEREAS: Collaborative partnerships among diverse communities are effective in meeting Georgians' needs; and

WHEREAS: Georgia faith-based and community organizations can assist in identifying and meeting these needs, while respecting the personal convictions of individuals, by offering social services and programs in compliance with the Executive Orders of President George W. Bush pertaining to Faith-Based and Community Initiatives; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the day of March 24, 2003, as FAITH COLLABORATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

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