

## **PATRIOTS DAY**

WHEREAS: April 19th marks the date in 1775 when the towns of Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts were marched upon by the British regulars in an effort to confiscate munitions of local militia; and

WHEREAS: The result was the "shot heard around the world" and the rout of the Redcoats; and

WHEREAS: Patriots Day serves to remind citizens of our Revolution and the sacrifices endured during the eight years of struggle for American independence; and

WHEREAS: The descendents of the soldiers who fought in the American Revolution encourages the community to proclaim April 19th of each year as Patriots Day in commemoration of the War of the American Revolution and the struggle for independence; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2003, as PATRIOTS DAY and urge all Georgians to become more knowledgeable of the role the Revolution played in the history of our great nation.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

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