

## SAINT DAVID'S DAY

WHEREAS: Since the founding of our nation, people of Welsh heritage have made their homes in Georgia, and many have become leaders in government, education, business and science; and

WHEREAS: The people and culture of Wales are an important part of the ethnic tradition of the United States and have played a significant role in the history and development of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS: In Wales and in places where Welsh men and women are gathered, March 1 has traditionally been observed as Saint David's Day in tribute to the patron saint of Wales who died on that day in the year 589; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and appropriate that our citizens join with the Saint David's Welsh Society of Georgia in celebrating the cultural heritage of these proud Celtic people and their contributions to our State; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2003, as SAINT DAVID'S DAY in Georgia in honor of the patron saint of Wales and in tribute to the accomplishments of Welsh Americans.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.