

# VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS: In 1918 the world celebrated the armistice of World War I. One year later, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as Armistice Day to mark the one year anniversary of the end of the Great War, and Congress established it as a legal holiday in 1938; and

WHEREAS: In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first Veterans Day Proclamation calling on our nation to “pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of the nation;” and

WHEREAS: Our nation’s security continues to rely on the patriotic men and women who nobly volunteer to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Georgia continues to provide its best and brightest sons and daughters to serve in the proud tradition of the US military; and

WHEREAS: Let us remember and appreciate with grateful hearts the contributions and sacrifices of the more than 760,000 Georgians who have served along with the tens of thousands of Georgians presently serving both here and abroad in harm’s way; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2007, as VETERANS DAY in Georgia and encourage all Georgians to observe and appreciate the sacrifices and contributions of our veterans who fought for peace and defended democracy in our land and abroad.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seven.