



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: In 1732, King George II of England created a body designated the Georgia Trustees, which was commissioned to plan and establish a new colony in British North America named for his Majesty, King George. This new colony would serve both a military and philanthropic purpose: it would create a buffer between English South Carolina and Spanish Florida and it would offer a place where the deserving poor could make a new start in life; and

WHEREAS: These original Trustees, who were appointed between 1732 and 1749, were the visionaries that conceived the idea of Georgia and requested of the King a charter for its establishment. Through their vision and philanthropy the Trustees appointed a leader, James Edward Oglethorpe, as the colony's founder; by their beneficence planted and nurtured the colony upon the noble principle of *Non Sibi, Sed Aliis*, "Not for Self but for Others," and governed the colony of Georgia until their disbandment in 1754 when Georgia became a royal colony; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Historical Society has requested that the Governor continue the spirit of the original Georgia Trustees and that he annually, on the recommendation of the Georgia Historical Society, appoint and induct new Trustees whose history-making accomplishments and service—across all fields, demographics, and geographic areas of the state—reflect the original Trustees ideals; and

WHEREAS: This Georgia Trustees will be an official program of the Georgia Historical Society in partnership with the Office of the Governor, held each year in Savannah around the anniversary of Georgia Day, February 12 and, in keeping with the prestige of the honor being conferred, will be limited to a select few inductees each year; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Historical Society will manage and operate the program and the Governor, as the chief executive officer of the state, will serve as the honorary chairman and ex officio member of this body. The Governor, on the recommendation of the Georgia Historical Society, will appoint each

year two to three new members identified by the Georgia Historical Society whose distinguished service to our state and nation embodies the highest ideals of the original Georgia Trustees and merits inclusion in this group of Georgians; and

WHEREAS: The names of the new Trustees will be placed on the roll with the original Trustees from 1732 and they will be inducted at the Georgia Historical Society's annual *Georgia Days* Birthday Bash and Awards Gala in Savannah on the site of the founding of the Colony of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That, as of January 1, 2010, the Georgia Trustees are established by the Office of the Governor as a way of recognizing and honoring Georgians whose accomplishments and commitment to service reflect and carry on the highest ideals of the original Georgia Trustees.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Georgia Historical Society shall recommend annually to the Governor for appointment the names of individuals which it shall find qualified to be members of this body.

This 22ND day of December, 2009.


GOVERNOR