

CHILDHOOD STROKE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: Stroke occurs before birth, in 1 out of 4,000 births each year, and in 6 out of 100,000 children per year; and

WHEREAS: Over half of the children who have a stroke will have serious, long-term neurological disabilities, including hemiplegia, seizures, speech and vision problems, learning difficulties and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS: The permanent health problems and subsequent treatments stemming from childhood strokes result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family and society; and

WHEREAS: Very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of childhood strokes; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS: An early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of childhood strokes greatly improves chances for recovery and prevention of recurrence; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2005, as CHILDHOOD STROKE AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand five.