## DIA DE LA COMUNIDAD MEXICANA

WHEREAS:	Mexico is Georgia's largest trading partner in Latin America, and a number of commercial and financial partnerships have developed in the decade following the enactment of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Many relationships help to link the economies of Georgia and Mexico, the second largest trade partner of the United States; and
WHEREAS:	The State of Georgia has welcomed a growing Mexican community in the last decade, whose hard work ethic, deeply rooted family values and cultural diversity have enriched the communities where they now live; and
WHEREAS:	Mexican entrepreneurs have chosen the state of Georgia to establish new businesses which have created a considerable number of jobs due to this growing community; and
WHEREAS:	Academic exchanges between Mexico and Georgia are strengthening mutual knowledge and understanding in a growing number of fields; and
WHEREAS:	Expressions of Mexican culture in disciplines as varied as music, ballet, visual, and culinary arts have become frequent guests in theaters, galleries, cultural centers, schools and homes across the state of Georgia; and
WHEREAS:	It is only through a strong relationship between our neighboring nations that we will be able to continue to build shared prosperity for our people; now
THEREFORE:	I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2005, as DIA DE LA COMUNIDAD MEXICANA in Georgia.
	In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 17th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand five.