

## COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia mourns the loss of Coretta Scott King, one of the most inspirational civil rights leaders of our time. Throughout the Civil Rights movement, Coretta Scott King was an aid and comfort to her husband, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and following his tragic death, dedicated herself to continuing his work; and

WHEREAS: In 1968, Mrs. King founded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change in Atlanta, Georgia to honor Dr. King's memory and to advance the cause of civil rights; and

WHEREAS: Mrs. King was a courageous woman with steadfast morals and a deep understanding of the road to ending segregation in our nation, who fought for equal treatment for all citizens; and

WHEREAS: Coretta Scott King demonstrated unwavering dedication to the cause of social justice that she and her husband held dear. She called upon America to stand up for its founding ideals and carried that message across the world; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2006, as a day to commemorate the life of MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING. I encourage all Georgians to honor and remember her as one of the most graceful and influential civil rights leaders of our time.

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