

BIG PIG JIG WEEKEND

WHEREAS: Barbecue is part of the cultural heritage of the South with a variety of cooking styles, serving methods, preferred side dishes and sauces; and

WHEREAS: The Dooly County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its annual Slosheye Trail Big Pig Jig in Vienna, Georgia, on October 23–25, 2003, celebrating 20 years as Georgia’s Official Barbecue Cooking Contest; and

WHEREAS: The Big Pig Jig is one of the only barbecue events that has permanent structures built by teams for the purpose of cooking barbecue in competition, with over 120 teams from the Southeast expected to participate in this pig-cooking contest, using various cooking equipment, techniques and recipes; and

WHEREAS: People of all ages can enjoy this Southern tradition, whether they like their barbecue chopped or sliced, served with Brunswick stew, bread, hush puppies or cole slaw, or doused with a vinegar, tomato or mustard-based sauce; and

WHEREAS: The Dooly County BIG PIG JIG has grown tremendously over the last 20 years to become one of the South’s most popular annual festivals, providing a positive economic impact on rural Georgia with the City of Vienna growing tenfold during the event; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 23–25, 2003, as BIG PIG JIG WEEKEND in Georgia and extend best regards to all contestants and consumers.

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