

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

WHEREAS: Emergency medical services are vital to the community, since access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS: Emergency medical services teams, consisting of emergency physicians, nurses and medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators and administrators, engage in thousands in hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's 14,000 first responders, emergency medical technicians, cardiac technicians and paramedics stand ready to provide lifesaving treatment to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS: Injury prevention and the appropriate use of the emergency medical services system aid in reducing health care costs, and EMS providers have served as the safety net of our health care system; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is proud to join the nation in recognizing emergency medical services professionals and the outstanding and courageous job they perform daily in serving their fellow man; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2003, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK in Georgia in recognition of the valuable public service performed by the dedicated EMS professionals in our state.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand three.