

HOMESHARING MONTH

WHEREAS: The dignity and rights of older adults should be preserved and upheld as these citizens face increasing economic insecurity due to higher health care costs, along with decreased incomes and less independence; and

WHEREAS: Older adults strengthen our community, and we are dedicated to supporting intergenerational opportunities that will secure the future of older Americans now living alone in urban residential settings; and

WHEREAS: Older adults have established the foundation of American life for younger adults and families, who are our future community builders and leaders yet face increasing economic insecurity because of job loss, divorce and homelessness; and

WHEREAS: Older adults, whose numbers are rapidly increasing, find that homesharing is beneficial to both the senior and the younger home sharer. Homesharing keeps seniors independent by preventing unnecessary or premature institutionalization, reducing financial stress among both seniors and younger adults, stabilizing neighborhoods, reducing homelessness and providing affordable housing; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2003 as HOMESHARING MONTH in Georgia in honor of Older Americans and urge our citizens to utilize the homesharing option to manage their aging and their economic transitions.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

