

KOREAN WAR VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS: Since the founding of our nation, American men and women have given of themselves to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS: From June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953, United States Armed Forces valiantly fought against the invasion of South Korea by North Korean troops in their attempt to seize the southern half of the peninsula for Communist forces; and

WHEREAS: More than 75,000 Georgia men and women served during the Korean War, with 740 killed in action, 1,040 wounded in action, 97 held as prisoners of war and 178 who are still unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS: It is our duty to educate every generation on the lessons and the historical impact of the Korean War in saving a nation from enslavement and preserving peace, freedom and prosperity; and

WHEREAS: We remember those men and women who have served the United States of America with distinction and valor as sailors, soldiers, airmen and Marines, and we recognize the value of their sacrifice and the honor of their courage; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2003, as KOREAN WAR VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY in Georgia and encourage our citizens to observe with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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