

MDA FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS: Hundreds of dedicated and selfless firefighters in our state provide vital and lifesaving services to the citizens of their communities; and

WHEREAS: At a moment's notice, these men and women risk their lives by subduing fires and rescuing those trapped in infernos, as well as saving citizens from emergencies that could have been deadly situations; and

WHEREAS: Firefighters contribute significantly to the continued well-being of Georgians through their outstanding commitment to community service. Their sense of duty and responsibility is evidenced by their hundreds of volunteer hours in annual boot drives to collect funds to fight Muscular Dystrophy; and

WHEREAS: For the past 49 years, firefighters throughout Georgia and the nation have worked to eradicate the muscular dystrophies, Lou Gehrig's disease, myasthenia gravis and other neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS: Many of Georgia's citizens have benefited from the funds raised by firefighters in the "Fill-the-Boot" Campaign, and these public servants make invaluable contributions to our state in all the tasks they perform; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2003 as **MDA FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH** in Georgia and encourage our citizens to commend our firefighters for their numerous contributions to public service.

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