

MYOSITIS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Myositis is a chronic, auto-immune disease that triggers the inflammation and degeneration of skeletal muscle tissues, in which inflammatory cells surround, invade and destroy normal muscle fibers as though they were defective or foreign to the body; and

WHEREAS: Myositis can be a debilitating and sometimes fatal disease; and

WHEREAS: Currently, 50,000 cases of myositis are estimated to exist in the United States; and

WHEREAS: It is important for the public to be aware of this disease; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2003, as MYOSITIS AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand three.