

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN DAY

WHEREAS: Our Nation once again faces foreign perils and is called upon as the guarantor of world freedom to help shape our planet's future; and

WHEREAS: Throughout our history, the American people have always been equal to the tasks before them and willing to sacrifice in defense of not only our own freedom, but the freedom of others all around the world; and

WHEREAS: We as free citizens understand that freedom has a price and that part of that price is the need for many of our sons and daughters to serve in harm's way, in our Nation's military and in our domestic law enforcement, emergency response and other paramilitary organizations; and

WHEREAS: Today many of our fellow Georgians are serving our country and defending our freedom here at home and on foreign shores, standing ready to confront and defeat those who perpetuate evil and wish us harm; and

WHEREAS: We are proud to be Americans, proud to know that we are free, and proud to uphold the inalienable rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness endowed by our Creator; and

WHEREAS: VFW Post 5290, Conyers, has organized a statewide rally, inviting all citizens to participate and send a message of support to our nation's leaders and armed forces personnel around the world; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2003, as PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN DAY in Georgia and call upon all our citizens to support fully our sons and daughters serving in harm's way and to communicate to them our love, appreciation and prayers.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.