

GEORGIA TAX-AIDE DAY

WHEREAS: Created 35 years ago to assist elderly taxpayers of low to moderate incomes, Tax-Aide is a volunteer program sponsored by the AARP Foundation and the Internal Revenue Service's Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program; and

WHEREAS: Tax-Aide volunteers are trained under the IRS TCE program to complete personal federal and state tax returns that do not entail specialized or extensive forms; and

WHEREAS: Tax-Aide services are free and confidential and have greatly benefited older taxpayers who are unfamiliar with changes in the tax laws or might otherwise misread or misinterpret filing instructions, calculate incorrectly, or not take entitled credits; and

WHEREAS: Tax-Aide is beneficial to the Georgia Department of Revenue and the IRS by reducing the cost of processing returns, refunds, penalties and interest; and

WHEREAS: Tax-Aide volunteers helped 54,000 Georgians in the year 2002 perform a vital service for Georgia's older citizens, thus making a valuable contribution to our state in helping to enhance the lives of their fellow citizens; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 20, 2003, as **GEORGIA TAX-AIDE DAY** and encourage older Georgians to take advantage of this valuable service.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.