## Veterans Memorial 5K Race and 5K Walk DAY

WHEREAS: The Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a non-profit

organization of men and women disabled in the defense of our great nation, is dedicated to the purpose of building better lives for our nation's disabled and homeless veterans

and their families; and

WHEREAS: The DAV, chartered by the United States Congress in 1932,

provides a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs, including a "Veterans Memorial 5K Race and 5K Walk" at The Square in Marietta on Saturday, May 24, 2003, to pay tribute to Georgia's disabled and

homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes that the "Veterans Memorial"

5K Race and 5K Walk" will benefit those in need of clothing, shelter, transportation and food, and extends appreciation for the efforts of the volunteer workers and participants who give

of their time and energy for this worthwhile project; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PURDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby

recognize Saturday, May 24, 2003, as VETERANS MEMORIAL RACE/WALK DAY in Georgia to call this observance to the attention of all our citizens and remind them of the

tremendous sacrifices made on their behalf.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.