

WHEREAS: Epilepsy affects 100,00 people in Georgia and is one of the most common disabling neurological disorders. The seizures that occur in persons with epilepsy make finding a job very difficult and even acceptance in society becomes a hurdle, causing people with epilepsy to be isolated from many facets of life; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia's Zero Lunches/Zero Nos Day is to request that each Georgian give up one day's lunch and contribute to the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia the money they would have spent on lunch. This event will be a complete success if not one person says "No." Half of the donation will be used to fund vital services of the foundation, and the other half will be placed in the foundation's endowment fund for investment and future use. The goals of this foundation are to sponsor a job-seeking and job retention program that helps people find and keep employment; to host educational programs that teach teachers and students about seizures, the proper response to seizures and keeping children with epilepsy on par with the class; to maintain a medication fund; and to provide partial and full scholarships to children with epilepsy; and

WHEREAS: By skipping lunch on one day and donating to this worthy cause, people and organizations will be giving a valuable gift. We join you in recognizing May 29, 2003, as Zero Lunches/Zero Nos Day; now

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

ZERO LUNCHES/ZERO NOs DAY PROGRAM.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this eighth day of April, 2003.