

LAW DAY

WHEREAS: Law Day is a celebration of our nation's great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under law; and

WHEREAS: The founders of the United States of America created a doctrine of separation of powers among the three branches of government—executive, legislative and judicial; and

WHEREAS: In an effort to balance any accumulation of power, our nation's founders included a system of checks and balances in the Constitution. This system ensures that each branch serves as a constraint on, and is constrained by, the powers of the other branches; and

WHEREAS: The Law Day 2008 fiftieth anniversary theme of *The Rule of Law: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity* encourages us all to examine the rule of law, our role in its sustainability and its role in protecting our communities, our democracy, opportunity, equity, and all that is most precious to us; and

WHEREAS: Our system of separation of powers and checks and balances stands as a model for other nations of the world. I encourage the citizens, schools, businesses and media of our state to use this occasion to recognize and preserve the rule of law; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008, as LAW DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.