

WHEREAS: During the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly, the Members considered Senate Resolution 996, a proposal to amend Article IX, Section II of the Georgia Constitution by amending Paragraph VII; and

WHEREAS: On April 4, 2008, the Georgia State Senate, by a vote of 43 yeas and 8 nays, adopted Senate Resolution 996 by the requisite two-thirds of the Members of the Senate; and

WHEREAS: On April 4, 2008, the Georgia House of Representatives, by a vote of 129 yeas and 38 nays, adopted Senate Resolution 996 by the requisite two-thirds of the Members of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, both houses having adopted identical versions of Senate Resolution 996 by the requisite constitutional majorities, the proposal was submitted to the electors of the entire State at the General Election of November 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS: The proposed amendment appeared on the General Election ballot as "Constitutional Amendment 2" and stated, "Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize community redevelopment and authorize counties, municipalities, and local boards of education to use tax funds for redevelopment purposes and programs?"; and

WHEREAS: On November 4, 2008, the electors of the entire State voted as follows: 1,868,110 electors voted "Yes"; 1,756,838 electors voted "No"; and

WHEREAS: The Secretary of State certified the above results and laid them before the Governor; and

WHEREAS: O.C.G.A. § 21-2-502 (f) requires the Governor to issue a proclamation declaring the results of the vote of each constitutional amendment submitted to the electors of the entire State; now

THEREFORE: I, Sonny Perdue, Governor of the State of Georgia, pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby proclaim that a majority of the electors having voted in favor of the proposed constitutional amendment, Constitutional Amendment 2 is duly ratified. Furthermore, pursuant to Article X, Section I, Paragraph VI of the State Constitution, the resolution proposing the amendment providing no other date, Constitutional Amendment 1 shall become effective January 1, 2009.

In witness whereof, 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 nine.