

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Historic preservation is an effective tool for economic development, heritage tourism, growth management, neighborhood revitalization, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and
- WHEREAS:** Historic preservation is relevant to urban and rural communities across the nation, and to Americans of all ages, all walks of life, and all ethnic backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and
- WHEREAS:** ***This Place Matters!*** is the theme for Georgia Historic Preservation Month, May 2009, cosponsored by the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, The Georgia Trust, and other local preservation and neighborhood organizations throughout Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia Historic Preservation Month provides an opportunity for citizens of all ages and from all walks of life to recognize the important role that historic preservation plays in individual lives and in communities; now
- THEREFORE:** I, Sonny Perdue, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2009 as **Georgia Historic Preservation Month** and call upon all our citizens to recognize and participate in this special observance of our heritage.