



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: Reverend A.D. King was born July 30, 1930 at the historic King birth place on Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. King and his brother Martin Luther King, Jr. were both graduates of Morehouse College; and

WHEREAS: A.D. King dedicated his life to fairness, equality and justice for all, leading at least seven rallies in Birmingham to demand equal rights. As a result of his leadership in the Church, as well as his social activism, his Birmingham home was targeted for bombing on May 11, 1963; and

WHEREAS: Reverend King led many rallies in Louisville, Kentucky to protest against housing discrimination and created a food-bread basket movement for poor Americans. An open housing ordinance was passed a direct result of his activism. Rev. King's church in Louisville, Zion Baptist Church, was bombed, but he continued to fight for civil rights, believe in non-violent social change and to work on direct-action campaigns for the emancipation of a free and just society; and

WHEREAS: Rev. A.D. King replaced his brother as co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta shortly after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee in 1968. Reverend A. D. King served as a major organizer of The Poor People's Campaign and was a significant leader of the civil rights movement; now

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

A. D. KING.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of September, 2008.

Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
Ed F. Holcombe
CHIEF OF STAFF