



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Georgia's oldest and largest industry, remaining a leading source of jobs and income for our citizens, and agricultural products from our state are a significant part of the food market worldwide. The agricultural industry is also poised to play a more important role in meeting Georgia's future energy needs; and

WHEREAS: Increasing Georgia's renewable energy use will bring new technologies to market and save consumers money, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and create good new jobs in rural America; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's agriculture industry has assumed a lead role in growing new and diverse feedstocks for ethanol and biodiesel; and

WHEREAS: The stated goal of 25x'25 is "by the year 2025, America's farms, ranches, and forests will provide 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States, while continuing to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber." The 25x'25 Action Plan entitled "Charting America's Energy Future" has been widely acclaimed as a visionary course of action for the nation; and

WHEREAS: Georgia leaders recognize the importance of developing a comprehensive alternative energy industry. Georgia seeks to lead the nation in research and private sector investment in alternative energy technology development; now

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

25 X '25.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of October, 2007.



Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
Ed F. Holcombe
CHIEF OF STAFF