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### Governor Signs Proclamation for Lifeline/Linkup Week in Georgia

**ATLANTA**, August 31, 2009 – Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue today proclaimed September 14-18, 2009 as Lifeline/Linkup Week in Georgia. Joining the Governor for the proclamation signing ceremony in the Governor's Office was Commission Chairman H. Doug Everett, Consumer Affairs Director Mike Nantz and Public Information Officer Bill Edge.

"I am pleased that the Governor recognizes the importance of all Georgians staying connected to local resources and emergency services that can improve and possibly save many lives," said Everett, "Access to local emergency services and community resources is vital to our low-income and elderly residents. The Commission wants residents to "stay connected" and is reaching out to those who need phone service but can't afford it."

Lifeline provides a monthly credit of up to \$10 off your monthly local service telephone bill (AT&T gives a \$13.50 monthly credit) while Link-Up assists with paying up to 50% of installation costs, not to exceed \$30 (AT&T pays 100% of installation costs).

"We know there are many consumers who qualify for this credit but who are not participating," Everett said. "We want to get the word out about this valuable program."

As of June 30, 2009, there are 116,728 Georgians who receive this credit. While this number represents a dramatic 43 percent increase over the past three years, there are thousands more who could qualify but are not signed up.

In order to qualify for these programs, you must be a participant in any one of the following programs: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TNAF), Food Stamps, senior citizens discount from power or gas company, SSI, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Contact your prospective or current telephone service provider to find out if they offer Lifeline/Link-up credits and if so, to file an application to receive Lifeline or Link-Up assistance. You may apply the discount towards either your home phone or your cell phone service.

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