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NAACP CALLS ON GEORGIA TO APOLOGIZE FOR SLAVERY

The Georgia NAACP State Conference has sent a letter to Governor Sonny Perdue asking him to take the lead on behalf of the state and apologize for Georgia's role in the inhumane and barbaric institution known as slavery. Slavery officially became legal in Georgia on January 1, 1751.

"The time is right for Georgia to take a bold stand and apologize to its citizens for slavery and segregation in our state," said Edward O. DuBose, President of the Georgia State Conference NAACP.

The Georgia NAACP is also asking that a bill be introduced and/or a resolution issued by the Georgia General Assembly, openly apologizing for slavery and Jim Crow discrimination. Because of the urgency and sensitivity of this issue, this bill must be voted on by the House and the Senate and passed into law before the close of the 2007 Legislative session. Legislators have ample time to pass into law this most moral and ethical request.

Between 1862 and 1962, Georgia lynched almost 500 of its African American citizens during this time known as the "Jim Crow" era, which was a direct result of slavery. And those are just the documented cases, which many believe to be an under representation of what the true numbers really are.

"Governor Perdue has the opportunity to let his legacy reflect, that on his watch, he took a stand to unite Georgia by becoming the first Governor to acknowledge these wrongs, " added Georgia NAACP President Dubose.



Founded in 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its half-million adult and youth members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities and monitor equal opportunity in the public and private sectors