WHEREAS, the State of Texas has always extended its hand of friendship to other nations to establish greater understanding and cooperation between the people of other nations and the citizens of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, Texas has always been a leader among these United States in furthering better international relations; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is interested in exploring new and diverse economic and cultural opportunities with other nations; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S.S.R. has exhibited a new openness and spirit of cooperation with the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Soviet Republic of Georgia possesses a diversity of geography and industry not unlike that of Texas and has expressed a willingness to enter into a special relationship with the People of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, a sister state relationship provides mutual benefit to the participants through the exchange of ideas, commerce, and social, cultural and educational opportunities; and,
WHEREAS, the sister state concept has been in existence for nearly thirty-five years and has been endorsed by every United States President since its inception.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William F. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby officially invite the people of the Soviet Union to establish a sister state relationship between the Soviet Republic of Georgia and the State of Texas for the mutual benefit of both of our citizens and to promote goodwill and understanding through social, economic, educational, and cultural programs.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 5th day of September, 1990.

William F. Clements, Jr.
Governor

George P. Bush
Secretary of State