

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM EDUCATION DAY

WHEREAS: Outdoor classrooms provide an active, hands-on learning experience for students and help to connect children with the natural environment and give them a greater understanding of the world around them; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of Georgia's Outdoor Classroom Council is to facilitate and train educators so that students as well as communities can be enriched and develop a greater understanding of the importance of our fragile resources; and

WHEREAS: Outdoor Classrooms are being developed by students, teachers, schools and communities to explore ecosystems and observe the interdependency of life; and

WHEREAS: It is important to develop students who are educated in the complexity of our many native ecosystems and the challenges we will face to maintain a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's students benefit from the opportunity to learn about the ecosystems of Georgia's wildlife, plants and habitats, and we encourage our citizens to become more aware of the environment around us and help students become good stewards of our resources; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2005, as OUTDOOR CLASSROOM EDUCATION DAY in the State of Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand five.