

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, alcohol kills six times more youth than all illicit drugs combined; and
- WHEREAS: The U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention estimates the costs attributable to underage drinking at \$1.3 billion in 1998; and
- WHEREAS: Youth access to alcohol is a significant contributor to underage drinking, with two-thirds of underage drinkers reporting they can obtain alcohol by purchase; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia seeks to reduce underage drinking in our state, and statewide partnerships and local coalitions have been formed to address this serious problem; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia has experienced remarkable results in its efforts to reduce underage drinking through community organizations, enforcement of existing laws, and implementing research-based policy strategies aimed at preventing adults from providing alcohol to minors; and
- WHEREAS: Alcohol Awareness Month encourages local communities to focus on the prevention and treatment of alcohol problems and to "Give Children a Chance - End Underage Drinking;" now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2003 as ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and commend the citizens and organizations who are committed to reducing underage drinking.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.