

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY IN GEORGIA

WHEREAS: Georgia remains one of the top recycling states in our nation with more than 400 recycling businesses, employing over 13,000 Georgians; and

WHEREAS: On November 15, 2003, Georgia will join the nation in celebrating America Recycles Day by promoting the importance of recycling and asking all Georgians to increase their own efforts to recycle and buy recycled products; and

WHEREAS: Recycling saves energy, resources and landfill space. Recycling steel and aluminum cans, glass jars and bottles, paper and plastic helps significantly to reduce our state's waste; and

WHEREAS: Model recycling programs promote the purchase of recycled goods and influence businesses to invest in state recycling programs; and

WHEREAS: This commitment to protecting our environment is more than just dropping off materials at the curb or at the recycling center. The 2003 theme, *Make Every Day America Recycles Day in Georgia*, emphasizes the need for us to raise consumer awareness of all aspects of recycling, from collection and processing of recovered materials to completing the loop through the purchase of products made with recycled content; and

WHEREAS: To ensure a brighter and beautiful Georgia for the next century, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and many corporate sponsors will host events across Georgia whereby citizens will be asked to pledge to reduce waste, recycle and buy recycled products; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2003, as AMERICA RECYCLES DAY in Georgia and encourage our citizens to participate in recycling efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand three.