

# ARMY APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS: The United States Army is celebrating its 228<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 14, 2003, and soldiers will remember this past year as one of great achievement. The character of America's Army continues to shine proudly. Soldiers continue to exhibit a profound sense of duty, selfless service and respect that has underscored acts of great honor, integrity and personal courage; and

WHEREAS: The United States Army has always had a non-negotiable contract with the American people to fight and win the nation's wars. Today's Army continues to be the doer of our nation's deeds, with soldiers standing on point around the world, performing the roles of peacekeeper, providing humanitarian service and standing ready as warfighters; and

WHEREAS: Our Army will continue to be ever-persuasive in peace and invincible in war as America's guardian of democracy and protector of freedom. Soldiers will continue to put duty, honor and country first. Thanks to America's soldiers, freedom's light will always shine as a beacon of hope throughout the world; and

WHEREAS: America's soldiers are the best in the world, voluntarily foregoing comfort and wealth, facing hardship and sacrifice, confronting danger and sometimes dying in defense of the nation. We owe them our unwavering support in their resolute pursuit of the Army's vision to ensure that it remains the world's finest land force for the next crisis, the next war and an uncertain future; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 7-14, 2003, as ARMY APPRECIATION WEEK in Georgia and encourage all Georgians to recognize the importance of the U.S. Army's efforts throughout the State of Georgia and beyond.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

