

CANCER REGISTRARS WEEK

WHEREAS: Cancer registrars collect data, including patient demographics, anatomic cancer sites, stages of disease, treatments and lifetime follow-ups, for use by physicians to monitor the treatment and continuing care of patients and by epidemiologists to monitor the cancer burden throughout Georgia and the nation; and

WHEREAS: Cancer registrars are health care professionals who work closely with the health care team to meet the needs of patients through data collection and analysis, for evaluating the success of specific treatments and identifying, planning and implementing cancer prevention and control activities; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Tumor Registrars Association was organized in 1976 to establish standards of education for individuals involved in cancer data management and to standardize and improve the quality of cancer data collection; and

WHEREAS: The 2003 observance of National Cancer Registrars Week provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the State of Georgia to recognize the contributions that professional cancer registrars make to the field of allied health; now

THEREFORE: I, Sonny Perdue, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7-11, 2003, as CANCER REGISTRARS WEEK in Georgia and encourage all Georgians to recognize the importance of cancer registrars to public health efforts throughout 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 27th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.