

# CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION WEEK

WHEREAS: Profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education provides Georgians with a school-to-careers connection and can be the foundation for a strong, well-educated workforce that fosters productivity in business, industry, technology and health care and contributes to our state's leadership in the global marketplace. Career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills that can provide better career choices; and

WHEREAS: Career and technological education gives high school and college students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, science, technology and mathematics; thus improving the quality of their education; motivating students to stay in school and giving all students leadership opportunities in career fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS: The ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields that are forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 9-15, 2003, as **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION WEEK** in Georgia and encourage our citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in Georgia communities.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.