

EDUCATION WEEK

- WHEREAS: A free and virtuous society cannot last without an educated citizenry; and
- WHEREAS: There is no greater safeguard of those inalienable rights on which our republic was founded than a public education system that inspires great faith in and understanding of those rights and those responsibilities incumbent upon a free people; and
- WHEREAS: For more than 150 years, the ideal of the public school has been to educate all of our citizens, and so to honor the declaration of our founders: that "all men are created equal" in their natural claim to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and
- WHEREAS: This noble ideal of public education for all requires the dedication of all, including students, parents, teachers, other educators, and the wider community; and
- WHEREAS: Since 1929, American Educator Week has sought to inspire that dedication by celebrating the successes and spotlighting the needs of our nation's public schools; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is proud to join this national celebration of our public schools and their contribution to our citizens and our society, as well as take time to consider how we might better achieve excellence in our public education system; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 16–22, 2003, as EDUCATION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand three.