

ELKS YOUTH WEEK

WHEREAS: The young people of Georgia are vital to our state's future, and it is crucial that parents, community leaders and other adults provide an environment that fosters knowledge, responsibility and productivity in youth; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Elks Association has designated May 4-10, 2003, as "Elks Youth Week" to promote these ideals through various activities that individual lodges sponsor throughout the year; and

WHEREAS: The Elks Lodges in our state have sponsored activities such as local athletic teams and statewide "Hoop-Shoot" and "Soccer Shoot-Out" competitions, awarded academic scholarships for college education to Georgia's young people and implemented a statewide drug prevention and awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS: The lives of youth and adults are enriched and communities are enhanced when our service organizations work toward developing positive characteristics in our state's young people; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2003, as ELKS YOUTH 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 April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

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