

GEORGIA CORRECTIONAL NURSES WEEK

WHEREAS: The 80,000 registered nurses in Georgia comprise our state's largest health care profession, emphasizing primary and preventive health care to millions of people annually; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's registered nurses strive to meet the emerging health care needs of our state's varied population in a wide range of settings, including hospitals, clinics, prisons and jails, doctors' offices, nursing homes and private agencies; and

WHEREAS: Registered nurses provide cost-effective, safe and quality health care, demonstrating their professionalism and compassion for patients daily, while continuously striving to upgrade standards of practice and improve service; and

WHEREAS: The demand for registered nurses in the prison system will increase, due to the aging population and the emergence of home health care services; and

WHEREAS: Nurses working in correctional settings provide care to individuals at increased risk of infectious diseases, mental health disorders, chronic medical conditions and acute or emergent problems requiring immediate intervention; and

WHEREAS: Nurses are committed to providing prisoners with high-quality care and ensuring that prisoners who are recipients of health care are treated with dignity, respect and professional expertise; and

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 5- 11, 2003, as GEORGIA CORRECTIONAL NURSES WEEK in Georgia.

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

