

## GOAL WEEK

- WHEREAS: The Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) program, celebrating its thirty-second year, emphasizes the dignity and importance of technical education in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: The GOAL program recognizes and rewards excellence among the more than 142,000 students studying in Georgia's statewide network of technical colleges; and
- WHEREAS: The GOAL program exemplifies the strong partnerships between Georgia's communities, businesses and industries and the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education, as demonstrated by these organizations' support of this distinguished statewide program recognizing the state's finest technical education students; and
- WHEREAS: Many representatives and sponsors from businesses and industries throughout our state have been generous in donating their time, energy and products to the GOAL program; and
- WHEREAS: This statewide program strives to stimulate the community's interest in and knowledge of technical education by recognizing outstanding talent while strengthening the relationship among Georgia's communities, technical colleges, business and industry; and
- WHEREAS: The GOAL program spotlights the importance of technical education in our rapidly-changing technological society by generating greater public awareness of and appreciation for the contributions of a dynamic workforce in Georgia; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 25-31, 2003, as GOAL WEEK in Georgia, and urge our citizens to join in recognizing the vital impact that a well-educated, technically trained and highly competitive workforce has on Georgia's economic well-being.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand three.



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