

# HELEN KELLER DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected and renowned Americans in spite of being deaf-blind; and

WHEREAS: Deaf-blindness is a very severe disability; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of Georgia to encourage the full participation of Americans with multisensory disabilities in our economy by improving their options for employment, housing and thus their opportunities for a productive life in the community of their choice; and

WHEREAS: People with dual-sensory loss should be able to have the lifestyle of their choice; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary to publicize the abilities and potential of our fellow citizens who are deaf-blind or who have severely impaired vision and hearing and to recognize Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination and achievement for other individuals who are deaf-blind; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2003, as HELEN KELLER DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

