

## **INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY**

WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Wildlife Resources Division (WRD), was established to manage and protect the state's diverse natural resources. WRD is charged with managing, protecting and encouraging the conservation of all wildlife, including nongame and game animals, fish and protected plants; and

WHEREAS: Conservation of songbird species is a top priority of DNR's Wildlife Resources Division,

WHEREAS: Partners in Flight is an international initiative involving state and federal wildlife agencies, private conservation groups, corporations, universities and citizens cooperatively working to foster conservation of migratory birds and their habitats; and

WHEREAS: International Migratory Bird Day is an annual celebration sponsored by Partners in Flight, with numerous events statewide celebrating the diversity of bird species in Georgia; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2003, as INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY 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 May in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

