

INTERNET SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS: The Internet has revolutionized communications and become an integral part of nearly everything we do--from education to electronic government to a full range of commerce. At the same time, the immense opportunity the Internet provides comes with the responsibility that we use it sensibly and safely; and

WHEREAS: Unfortunately, the wealth of information made available through the Internet also provides a gateway for criminal activity. The 48 million children who regularly "surf the Net" are especially vulnerable to this threat. Many of them are involuntarily subjected to aggressive and obscene solicitations while online. It is crucial, therefore, that Internet users of all ages be aware of how they can protect themselves from being victimized by online predators; and

WHEREAS: To promote awareness of the advantages and the responsibilities involved in safely using the Internet, dedicated volunteers annually sponsor a safety month, featuring a series of educational campaigns. At this time, I encourage Georgians to learn more about the role that each of us can play in addressing this important issue. Together we can continue to make a difference; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2003 as INTERNET SAFETY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

