

# LAKE ALLATOONA AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Since its creation in 1950, Lake Allatoona serves its primary purposes of flood control, water supply, power generation, fish and wildlife management and navigation for our state. The restoration, preservation and protection of this resource remains a constant challenge to the Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority, yet Lake Allatoona remains one of the top United States Army Corps of Engineers' lakes in terms of visitation and economic impact to the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS: The watershed of Lake Allatoona provides habitat for many threatened and endangered species, including the Etowah Darter, Southern Combshell, Gray Bat, Smooth Coneflower and Bald Eagle; and

WHEREAS: According to Pindar, "Water is the best of all things," and this is the national Year of Clean Water and the International Year of Freshwater; and

WHEREAS: Chief Seattle said, "We did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it. Preserve the land and the air and the rivers for your children's children;" and

WHEREAS: The Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority envisions awareness of this precious resource by all Georgians, so that each citizen recognizes the lake and the watershed as a top priority to be protected for present and future generations; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 12-17, 2003, as LAKE ALLATOONA 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 fifth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

