

# LIFE SCIENCES DAY

- WHEREAS: Georgia's life sciences industry is a national leader in developing innovative products to improve our health care, agriculture, industrial processes, environment and homeland defense against bio-terrorism. The state has ranked among the top ten of life sciences states for the past two years; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's life sciences industry, with more than 200 life sciences and related companies employing more than 13,000 people, is expected to grow rapidly, generating more than \$6 billion in annual revenues and creating more than 18,000 new high-paying jobs by 2010; and
- WHEREAS: The success of Georgia's life sciences industry has depended on strong public-private partnerships, such as those represented by the Georgia Biomedical Partnership, the Georgia Research Alliance and the Georgia Cancer Coalition; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Research Alliance's \$350 million investment in our universities over the past ten years has resulted in a corresponding investment of \$2 billion in federal and private funds, creating 80 new companies and 3,000 jobs; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Cancer Coalition will invest \$400 million over the next ten years to leverage more than \$800 million in federal and private funds to help conquer this major life-threatening disease; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Industry, Trade & Tourism created an Office of Science & Technology, with staff dedicated to marketing and growing the life sciences industry. This year alone, Georgia has been awarded 17 technology and life sciences relocation and expansion projects; and
- WHEREAS: The Board of Regents' economic development program, the Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP), launched an \$8 million expedited education program to produce workers knowledgeable in the life sciences and is working on ways to improve commercialization of technology resources at Georgia's research universities; and
- WHEREAS: As a Veterinarian, I know first-hand the importance of a career in the life sciences industry, and I assure you Georgia is committed to growing its life sciences industry as a key element of our future economic development, to retaining our graduates and to improving the quality of life in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: The state's life sciences professionals will gather in Atlanta on September 24, 2003, for the third annual Georgia Life Sciences Summit, to celebrate the industry's accomplishments, examine its progress and plot its growth; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2003, LIFE SCIENCES DAY in Georgia and urge our citizens to recognize those individuals who have dedicated their lives to improving our health and quality of life.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand three.