

GEORGIA MERIT SYSTEM DAY AT THE CAPITOL

WHEREAS: The Georgia Merit System of Personnel Administration was created by an act signed February 4, 1943, establishing a central personnel agency of the State of Georgia, providing human resource and benefits programs, products and services to all state entities and employees; and

WHEREAS: The core responsibility of the Georgia Merit System is to establish a system of personnel administration that will attract, select and retain the best employees based on merit with incentives in the form of equal opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes that all citizens should have an equal opportunity to compete for state jobs, to retain their jobs, and be promoted on the basis of qualifications, fitness, and abilities; and

WHEREAS: Through the Georgia Merit System these goals are pursued in the hiring, training and development of a diverse and competent state workforce to better serve the interests and needs of the citizens of Georgia; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2003, to be the GEORGIA MERIT SYSTEM DAY AT THE CAPITOL and do further urge all Georgians to recognize this occasion through appropriate ceremonies.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.