WHEREAS: Quality health care is an important concern of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Affordable and accessible medical care is essential for the well-being of all citizens; and

WHEREAS: Physician assistants are medically trained professionals who provide comprehensive health care services and quality medical care to millions of Americans throughout this great country; and

WHEREAS: Physician assistants are important members of the health care delivery team, working closely with their supervising physicians to enhance the quality of medical care in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS: Physician assistants around this country will celebrate October 6, 2003, as National Physician Assistant Day; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2003, as PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand three.