

POETRY DAY

WHEREAS: Poetry is the art of apprehending and interpreting ideas by the faculty of imagination. It is the art of idealizing in thought and in expression; and

WHEREAS: The first poetry to have been written in the English language was during the Anglo-Saxon period. Due to the difficulty of printing and the illiteracy of much of the populace, it was necessary for poets to employ complex systems of rhyme, familiar repeated phrases and alliteration so their verse would be memorable and passed on orally; and

WHEREAS: Students' reading and literacy skills can be improved and enhanced by reading poetry. People of all ages can find enjoyment and grow intellectually and spiritually through the study of poetry; and

WHEREAS: All Georgians are encouraged to explore the wonders of poetry; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2003, as POETRY DAY in Georgia

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