

READ ACROSS GEORGIA DAY

WHEREAS: The NEA and the GAE believe reading is the foundation of academic success and achievement, and Georgia is committed to ensuring that all students learn to read well and independently, thereby allowing them to be successful in future academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS: Students' reading and literacy skills can be improved and enhanced by increased parental involvement in teaching these skills, including the daily reading aloud of stories to children as young as six months; and

WHEREAS: Georgia schools will participate in the Read Across America program on March 3, 2003, using the natural imagination and creativity of children to inspire in them a love of reading; and

WHEREAS: NEA's Read Across America, a national celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss, promotes reading and adult involvement in educating our children. The 2003 team includes the Georgia Library Media Association, Georgia Press Association, Georgia Press Educational Foundation, Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation, Bookstores, Georgia Department of Education, Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education, Georgia Center for the Book, Georgia Council—State Reading Association, Georgia District of Kiwanis International, Georgia PTA, Georgia School Public Relations Association and Barnes and Noble, as well as the Cat in the Hat; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2003, as READ ACROSS GEORGIA DAY and urge every Georgian to make time to read to a child today.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 3rd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand three.