

RED RIBBON WEEK

- WHEREAS: The social consequences of drug and alcohol abuse affect every sector of society, especially children; and
- WHEREAS: Red Ribbon Week is a time when communities begin campaigns to empower their citizens to fight alcohol and drug abuse in their homes and neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Red Ribbon Campaign, coordinated by the Department of Human Resources' Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse, is dedicated to creating a drug-free environment for all children; and
- WHEREAS: The National Red Ribbon Campaign, held each October, calls attention to the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse on individuals, families and communities; and
- WHEREAS: Businesses, schools, law enforcement officials, service organizations, religious institutions, governments, sports teams and individual citizens will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is proud to recognize our Red Ribbon Campaign, which has received national recognition as one of the most visible and effective drug awareness programs; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2003, as **RED RIBBON WEEK** in Georgia and encourage our citizens to show their support and commitment to a drug-free state.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.