

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

WHEREAS: Substance abuse is a chronic public health problem that affects Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds. This troubling issue has enormous medical, societal and economic costs; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of health care providers and other concerned individuals have dedicated their lives to prevention programs, recovery processes and the education of the public and policy makers about the dangers of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS: This year's observance of September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month will help raise awareness of the effectiveness of treatment, prevention and education programs; and

WHEREAS: I encourage citizens of the State of Georgia to support those individuals who are in recovery and to salute the counseling and programs staff who provide them with assistance and motivation along their journey; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2005 as ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH in Georgia.

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