

GEORGIA PEANUT MONTH

- WHEREAS: Peanuts and peanut products are recognized throughout our nation and the world as a highly appetizing and nutritious food, providing protein and other nutrients as part of a well-balanced diet; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia leads the nation in peanut production, producing nearly a large percentage of the total supply in the United States; further, our state leads the country in peanut exports, supplying much of the United States' peanut exports and contributing millions of dollars toward our nation's balance of trade; and
- WHEREAS: Peanut production is the largest single cash crop in Georgia, with gross farm receipts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars; and
- WHEREAS: Hundreds of Georgia companies that are engaged in warehousing, processing, manufacturing and marketing depend totally on the peanut industry, and the hundreds of other Georgia companies engaged in financing, supplies, distributing and transporting are dependent to some extent on the peanut industry; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia peanut industry has played a significant role in the economic growth and prosperity of our state, contributing an estimated \$1 billion to the state's economy and supporting the livelihood of more than 150,000 Georgians; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2005 as GEORGIA PEANUT MONTH throughout our state and encourage our citizens to try delicious Georgia peanuts raw, roasted, boiled and even dipped in chocolate.

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