

# PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK

- WHEREAS: The safety and well-being of children is a priority of this state; and
- WHEREAS: More than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds in the United States each year, equaling an average of one playground-related emergency room visit every two minutes and thirty seconds; and
- WHEREAS: The National Program for Playground Safety, created at the University of Northern Iowa to help inform the nation about playground injuries and possible ways to reduce the number of injuries, has identified key areas that could help substantially reduce the number of playground injuries and keep our children SAFE by providing proper Supervision, Age-appropriate equipment, materials to soften Falls to the surface, and Equipment maintenance; and
- WHEREAS: The National Program for Playground Safety is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an institution located in Atlanta, Georgia, and committed to protecting the health and safety of people; and
- WHEREAS: It is appropriate to set aside a week each year to contemplate and discuss ways to keep our children safe on playgrounds, and spring is often a time that children head to the playground, and since all of us who care about children are committed to keeping our children safe; and
- WHEREAS: The National Program for Playground Safety has designated April 25-29, 2005, as National Playground Safety Week; now
- THEREFORE: I, Sonny Perdue, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of April 25-29, 2005, as PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK in Georgia and urge all citizens to join in this important observance.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand five.