

MENTORING MONTH

WHEREAS: Mentoring is a proven and effective strategy to combat difficult circumstances. Mentors can make vast positive improvements in the lives of others by providing guidance, stability and direction; and

WHEREAS: Mentoring occurs in a variety of settings with positive results. In schools and other educational institutions, mentoring raises achievement, self-confidence, personal skills and social skills. In business, mentoring supports human resource strategies, personal development and business development; and

WHEREAS: Mentoring supports young people who are, or are at risk of, disaffection or exclusion from society. Educated and confident children will give rise to stronger and healthier adults; and

WHEREAS: Research shows that mentoring has a definitive impact on young people by increasing attendance at school; improving rates of high-school graduation and college attendance; and decreasing involvement with drugs, alcohol and violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS: The celebration of Georgia Mentoring Month will emphasize the importance of mentoring and recognize the many Georgians already involved in mentoring; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 2006 as MENTORING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand five.