WHEREAS: September 2003 is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month; and

WHEREAS: Acknowledging September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month offers individuals in the substance abuse prevention and treatment community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the effectiveness of prevention programs and treatment; and

WHEREAS: Substance abuse affects Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds and affects all communities; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of health care providers have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to substance abuse education; and

WHEREAS: Substance abuse is treatable; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 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 12th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand three.