

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK

WHEREAS: Administrative professionals, including secretaries, administrative assistants, office managers and other administrative support staff, represent one of the largest segments of the world's workforce; and

WHEREAS: Administrative professionals are those who master technology, effectively utilize their interpersonal and communication skills, manage projects and organize the office, apply their creativity to solving problems and, most importantly, have the willingness to learn and accept new challenges; and

WHEREAS: Administrative professionals are vital contributors in today's team-oriented work environment and are key frontline public relations ambassadors for their organizations; and

WHEREAS: Companies and organizations that invest in training and development and are committed to delegating responsibilities that emphasize the skills of their administrative employees will have the best opportunity to excel in the 21st Century and beyond; and

WHEREAS: The year 2003 marks the 51st annual observance of Administrative Professionals Week, formerly known as National Secretaries Week, which was founded in 1952 to recognize the contributions of secretaries and other office support staff in business and government and to attract people to secretarial careers; and

WHEREAS: Administrative Professionals Week is sponsored by the International Association of Administrative Professionals and is celebrated worldwide, bringing together millions of people for various community events, educational seminars and individual corporate activities; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 20-26, 2003, as ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK and the day of April 23, 2003, as ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY in Georgia, saluting the valuable contributions of administrative professionals in the workplace.

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