

CREDIT UNION DAY

- WHEREAS: Credit unions are independent cooperatives founded by people working together towards economic advancement, uniting people seeking a way to improve their future; and
- WHEREAS: Credit unions call for the pooling of personal resources and leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative, encourage a regular habit of saving so those in need may borrow, and foster the desire to repay loans so members may have access to credit when it is needed; and
- WHEREAS: Credit unions empower people to improve their economic situations. In Georgia, there are 212 credit unions currently serving the financial needs of 1.72 million members; and
- WHEREAS: Credit unions offer a variety of financial services in addition to deposit accounts, including consumer and small business loans, home banking, checking accounts, debit cards and various insurance products; and
- WHEREAS: Credit unions are developing strong alliances that make financial democracy possible in many countries around the world. Credit unions in the state of Georgia have entered into a long-term partnership with credit unions in Poland to share cultural and operational experiences; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2003 as CREDIT UNION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand three.