

## **CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS: Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Injuries and deaths related to motor vehicle crashes can be reduced if every child is properly buckled in a child safety seat or booster seat or with a lap and shoulder belt that is appropriate for the child's age, weight and height; and

WHEREAS: Child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia child safety seat usage rate, for the first time in the history of our state, has topped 94 percent; and

WHEREAS: During February 2003, law enforcement personnel, child safety advocates, highway safety educators and community leaders will conduct and participate in child passenger safety awareness programs throughout the state; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2003 as CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia in recognition of this important and worthwhile endeavor.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand three.