

# CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS: The physical and mental health of our children is critical to the future well-being of our state and the development of our nation. Guarding the health of our youth is thus imperative for society; and

WHEREAS: An important component of a child's general health is dental health, and learning and maintaining a routine of good oral hygiene is a primary step in the development of a healthy body; and

WHEREAS: Educational programs in support of good dental health habits for children and youth and in support of fluoridation of public water supplies are instrumental in preventing dental disease; and

WHEREAS: Adults are urged to ensure that children brush their teeth carefully at least once a day, remembering that a thorough job takes two to three minutes; floss their teeth once a day; visit a dental office for preventive checkups and cleanings; and eat a well-balanced diet, avoiding excessive snacks between meals; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2003 as **CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH** in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand three.