

## FREIGHT RAIL DAY

WHEREAS: Intermodal transportation is increasingly important in our everyday lives; and

WHEREAS: More than 60 percent of all the products moving through Atlanta are consumer goods; and

WHEREAS: More than 90 percent of these consumer goods are transported via intermodal service, of which freight rail plays an increasingly integral part; and

WHEREAS: The Association of American Railroads has designated Atlanta the first *Freight Rail Smart Zone* for its efficient use of freight rail to move consumer goods and products; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2003, as FREIGHT RAIL DAY in Georgia and call upon all residents of this great state to join me in recognizing intermodal freight rail for its vital role in our state's economy and our daily lives.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand three.