

GEORGIA SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

WHEREAS: Georgia is a leader in serving more healthy and appealing school meals, giving our children the opportunity to make food choices for a nutritious diet; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's School Nutrition Program strengthens the safety net for children from low-income families who rely on school meals as their primary source of daily nutrition; and

WHEREAS: The School Nutrition Program provides children with nutrition education, more fruit and vegetable choices and over \$24 million in products from Georgia farmers; and

WHEREAS: Nutritious, healthy meals enhance our children's ability to learn thus improving their chances for educational success in the future; and

WHEREAS: The success of our School Nutrition Program is directly related to the cooperative efforts of school board members, administrators, teachers, community leaders, nutrition program personnel, parents and students working in partnership to meet the dietary needs of children; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 13-17, 2003, as GEORGIA SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK and encourage our citizens to recognize the contributions of our state's School Nutrition Program.

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