

GEORGIA LITERACY WEEK

- WHEREAS: Approximately one in eight of Georgia's adults are unable to read or write with sufficient skill to function in today's society; and
- WHEREAS: Illiteracy can be eliminated by increased public awareness and intensive citizen support in our communities—through our schools, libraries, workplaces and volunteer programs as well as through intergenerational family literacy programs and innovative literacy programs for special populations; and
- WHEREAS: Concerted efforts by community leaders have resulted in building literacy cooperatives to mobilize community-wide resources to address literacy needs. Community involvement and support for Georgia's literacy objectives are viable in the Certified Literate Community Programs; and
- WHEREAS: Literacy Week is used to convene literacy leaders, providers, employers and supporters for the purpose of sharing information, exchanging ideas, reporting on research and planning for future literacy initiatives; and
- WHEREAS: The Office of Adult Literacy, an operating division of the Department of Technical and Adult Education, has organized Georgia's Annual Adult Literacy Celebration as the premier literacy awareness and staff development event of the year in Georgia; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 1-7, 2003, as GEORGIA LITERACY WEEK and encourage our citizens to join the many agencies working to eliminate illiteracy.

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