

MASTER GARDENER DAY

WHEREAS: Since 1979, the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service has trained over 5,000 volunteers to educate communities on horticultural issues; and

WHEREAS: Upon successful completion of the program, these volunteers are designated as Master Gardeners and return to their communities to provide education on gardening, composting and landscaping; and

WHEREAS: Master Gardeners offer club presentations, demonstrations, vegetable and flower shows, garden clinics and home garden visits to assist communities with their horticultural needs, in addition to participating in the Schoolyard Wildlife Habitat program, an educational wildlife program for children; and

WHEREAS: In the spirit of volunteerism, Master Gardeners continue to provide valuable services to Georgia communities through education and training programs; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2003, as MASTER GARDENER DAY in Georgia and encourage our citizens to celebrate with appropriate activities and programs.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.