

## GEORGIA NONPROFIT DAY

WHEREAS: Nonprofit organizations help build and sustain healthy communities in our state and enhance the quality of life for all Georgians, proving critical to our state and nation in times of crisis and need; and

WHEREAS: Nonprofits meet critical community needs and are essential to the overall health and vitality of our state; and

WHEREAS: Nonprofit organizations nurture the participation of individuals in public life, giving citizens of our state a way to come together to solve public problems; and

WHEREAS: The nonprofit sector acts as a responsible steward of charitable dollars to achieve a broad range of goals and serves as an essential partner to government and business in easing the most pressing social and human challenges; and

WHEREAS: Nonprofit organizations based in Georgia play an important and expanding role in the state's economy as employers and service providers; and

WHEREAS: The nonprofit sector in Georgia has a proud history of service, innovation and social change and deserves acknowledgement, affirmation and celebration; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 24, 2003, as GEORGIA NONPROFIT DAY and do commend the nonprofit organizations of our state for their many services to the people of Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.