

## PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT MONTHS

- WHEREAS: Established in 1906, the Georgia Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has a long tradition of seeking the highest possible educational advantages for all children and youth, enabling them to realize their full potential; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia PTA supports and speaks on behalf of children and youth in schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia PTA assists parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children and encourages parent and public involvement in the public schools of our state; and
- WHEREAS: One of the objectives of the Georgia PTA is "To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth"; and
- WHEREAS: During the months of September and October, special activities will be held to expand the membership of the Georgia PTA, promote parent involvement and broaden its base of support in order to become a stronger and more effective voice for education; and
- WHEREAS: It is the role of the Georgia PTA to encourage parent involvement, an essential part of the PTA mission, by promoting an environment in which parents are valued as primary influences in their children's lives and essential partners in their children's education and development; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September and October 2003 as PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT MONTHS in Georgia and encourage our citizens to expand their involvement in educational issues affecting our children.

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.