

PHARMACY WEEK

WHEREAS: Pharmacy is one of the oldest health professions concerned with the health and well-being of society, and Georgia's more than 2,500 pharmacists provide services to assure the rational and safe use of medications in a variety of settings, including academic, retail, hospital and independent pharmacies; and

WHEREAS: Powerful medications require meticulous attention to the manner in which they are administered by health care professionals and used by different patient population groups; and

WHEREAS: Users of prescription and non-prescription medications, or their caregivers, must be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their drug therapy; and

WHEREAS: Promoting communication between pharmacists and patients will reduce the risk of medication misuse and improve the lives and health of our citizens; and

WHEREAS: The 2003 theme for Pharmacy Week is *Know Your Medicines — Know Your Pharmacist*, and the State of Georgia is proud to recognize our pharmacists for their professionalism and contributions to the quality of health care in our state; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2003, as PHARMACY WEEK in Georgia and extend appreciation for the valuable services Georgia pharmacists perform in providing safe and beneficial pharmaceutical care services and products to our citizens.

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