

RIVERS ALIVE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: The citizens of Georgia recognize that all life is dependent upon clean water and strive to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of Georgia's waters; and
- WHEREAS: Watersheds, the key component of the hydrologic – water – cycle, are an integral part of all of the earth's systems; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia has 70,150 miles of streams and rivers that nourish our native plants and wild life; and
- WHEREAS: We must bring together citizens, community representatives and governmental leaders to restore and preserve our watersheds in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: The Mission of "Rivers Alive" is to create awareness of and involvement in the preservation of Georgia's water resources through this annual volunteer cleanup of the fourteen river basins in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: October 18, 2003, is the 31st anniversary of the Clean Water Act and The International Day of World-Wide Monitoring; and
- WHEREAS: Rivers Alive is the second largest river cleanup in the United States; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2003 as RIVERS ALIVE AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand three.