

SCHOOL NURSE APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS: Georgia school nurses have served the children of our state with distinction and dedication for over 90 years as professional members of the educational team and as a valuable community resource; and

WHEREAS: School health services often consist of planning for the health and well-being of all students; conducting screening and immunization programs; following up and determining reasons for absences; providing prescribed care for students with special needs; providing health education and counseling for students, staff and families; caring for students who become ill or injured; and compiling statistics and records; and

WHEREAS: School nurses in Georgia provide important and essential services to communities and schools across our state, daily giving quality health care to thousands of students in elementary, middle and high schools; and

WHEREAS: School nurses assist students with chronic health conditions, in collaboration with parents and school staff, in developing strategies that will improve their performance; and

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2003, as SCHOOL NURSE APPRECIATION DAY in Georgia.

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