

## **SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

- WHEREAS: Small Business Week is a national celebration of small business proclaimed by the President of the United States for the U.S. Small Business Administration; and
- WHEREAS: America's 23 million small businesses employ more than half of all private-sector employees, produce more than 52 percent of the nation's gross domestic product and generate 44.5 percent of total U.S. private payroll; and
- WHEREAS: More than 97 percent of Georgia's businesses are small, comprising over 43 percent of the state's 3.4 million employees; and
- WHEREAS: Since 2003 marks the 50th anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Small Business Administration, it is fitting and proper to recognize the importance of small business with events and awards; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 1-7, 2003, as SMALL BUSINESS WEEK in our state in recognition of the important role small business plays in our economic growth and success.

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

