## SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD SUMMER GAMES DAYS

WHEREAS: Special Olympics athletes have endeared themselves to our city,

state and nation and, indeed, the world; and

WHEREAS: Dublin, Ireland, will host the 11th Special Olympics World Summer

Games June 21-29, 2003; and

WHEREAS: Opening Ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 21, 2003, at

Croke Park with a Parade of Athletes, the Special Olympics Torch Run by law enforcement runners, and the lighting of the torch; and

WHEREAS: The 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games will be the largest

sporting and cultural event ever staged in Ireland; and

WHEREAS: Ireland, which is proud of its partnership with the Irish community

in Georgia and fortunate to host and support the Special Olympics World Summer Games, warmly welcomes all of its participants; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby

proclaim June 21-29, 2003, as SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD SUMMER GAMES DAYS in Georgia and urge all Georgians to join the Special Olympics athletes for their displays of skill, courage and wholesome

competition.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of June in

the year of our Lord two thousand three.