

SAFE DRINKING WATER WEEK

WHEREAS: Water is one of our most basic and vital needs, and our health, comfort and standard of living depend on an abundant and safe supply of drinking water; and

WHEREAS: Only one percent of the Earth's water is fresh water available to humans, and the United States has access to less than 1/20th of one percent of the world's fresh water, withdrawing more water from its resources than any other nation: Americans tap into those resources for about 370 billion gallons of water daily with only one percent used for drinking water; and

WHEREAS: Wise consumer water use is vital for communities and citizens. Georgians are encouraged to practice good outdoor watering habits and make efficient use of water in and around the house; and

WHEREAS: One of the most important scientific and public health advances of the 20th century was the disinfection of public drinking water supplies, and water utilities, public health officials and federal regulators continue to improve protections against waterborne diseases and other threats to our nation's water supply; and

WHEREAS: Citizens have a responsibility to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation and to get involved in local water issues; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2003, as SAFE DRINKING WATER WEEK in Georgia and urge all citizens to support efforts to provide and maintain clean and healthy drinking water for all Georgians.

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