

THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

WHEREAS: The Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (CRNRA) consists of a 48-mile stretch of the Chattahoochee River and land along its corridor. The recreation area begins at Lake Lanier's Buford Dam, near Buford, Georgia, and continues downstream through four counties to Peachtree Creek near downtown Atlanta. CRNRA provides outdoor recreation for more than 3 million visitors a year and is an important resource for our state; and

WHEREAS: CRNRA is a place rich in natural and human history, each influenced by the river's pervasive force. Usually clear, cold and slow-moving, the river sometimes plunges as a muddy torrent through its rockbound shoals. For centuries people have been drawn to the river for food, for transportation and for power to sustain the mills, factories and homes built along its banks; and

WHEREAS: Today the river attracts us for different reasons. People come to float down the river or, as we like to say, "shoot the 'Hooch," hike the trails along its banks, fish in its cold water and simply relax. In its role as an outdoor classroom, the park promises to expand your horizons. Wildlife is abundant in the park. Some animals you will see every time you visit CRNRA and some, like the playful river otter, will delight you with a rare appearance; and

WHEREAS: We are grateful for this wonderful recreational area and thank all who are responsible for making it the wonderful place it is today; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2003, as THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

