

# THE GEORGIA LOTTERY'S SIX BILLIONTH DOLLAR DAY

WHEREAS: The Georgia Lottery Corporation (GLC) celebrated its Tenth Anniversary on June 29, 2003. The people of Georgia created the Georgia Lottery to enhance educational funding; and

WHEREAS: Georgia Lottery Sales have grown at an average annual rate of over 13 percent. Fiscal Year 2003 marked the highest lottery sales in the history of the GLC--totaling more than \$2.6 billion; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 700,000 students have been able to attend colleges through Georgia's HOPE scholarship program; more than 500,000 four-year-olds have attended Georgia's Pre-Kindergarten Program; and all of Georgia's public schools have benefited from over \$1.8 billion in capital outlay, computer and technology upgrades; and

WHEREAS: An increase in sales has allowed the lottery-funded HOPE and Pre-K programs to be expanded dramatically, opening educational opportunities to thousands of Georgia students; and

WHEREAS: Today we gather to celebrate the transfer of the six-billionth dollar from the Georgia Lottery Corporation to the Lottery for Education Account—the six-billionth dollar that has gone toward helping Georgians of all classes receive an education; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 15, 2003, as THE GEORGIA LOTTERY'S SIX BILLIONTH DOLLAR DAY 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 July in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

