

TRUCK SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Highway transportation by commercial motor vehicles is an important part of Georgia's economy and growth; and

WHEREAS: Highway safety depends in part on the education of all drivers in techniques of sharing the road. Education concerning regulations on operating commercial vehicles, proper equipment maintenance and the lifesaving benefits of safety belts is important in preventing and reducing injuries and fatalities from traffic crashes involving commercial vehicles; and

WHEREAS: Professional truck drivers and motorists share the highway with the common goal of arriving at their destinations in a safe and timely manner; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Council for Commercial Vehicle Safety is a public/private partnership whose mission is to reduce the number of commercial motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities on Georgia's highways through increased awareness of commercial vehicle safety issues; and

WHEREAS: During the week of February 24-28, 2003, the Council will conduct several highway safety activities, including a motorist rest area outreach, courtesy truck safety inspections and the Law Enforcement and Truckers for Safety (LETS) program; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 24-28, 2003, as **TRUCK SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK** in Georgia and urge our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools to promote truck safety awareness in order to prevent crashes and associated injuries and death and to make the highways of Georgia safe for all citizens.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.