

USA TRACK AND FIELD DAY

WHEREAS: Track and Field is one of the world's oldest organized sports, the most watched event of the Olympics and the number one high school and junior high school participatory sport, and there are more than 50 million adult runners in the United States; and

WHEREAS: It is important that we establish grassroots programs to help develop future stars who will follow in the footsteps of Georgia's Olympic Champions by leading Team USA at the Olympics, the World Championships and more than 12 other international events each year; and

WHEREAS: Roughly 700 athletes of all ages wear a Team USA uniform in any given year; and

WHEREAS: We offer our gratitude to all of the people who dedicate their time and energy to Track and Field programs throughout our state; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2003, as USA TRACK AND FIELD DAY in Georgia and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

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