

VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE MONTH

WHEREAS: Observed annually during the month of May, the Victory Over Violence campaign seeks to remember the victims of violence and those who have lost loved ones due to violence. The campaign's goal is to disrupt the spirit of anger, hate and fear; and

WHEREAS: By advocating alternatives to violence through the arts, education, entrepreneurship and entertainment, communities across Georgia are mobilizing survivors, businesses and social service organizations to join collaborative efforts to reduce violence in homes, schools, playgrounds, neighborhoods and the workplace; and

WHEREAS: For nearly half a decade, the International Campaign for Victory Over Violence has represented many groups working together to uplift the human spirit by overcoming violence; and

WHEREAS: Every segment of our society has a role to play in ending the cycle of violence and creating a safe future for our children. All of our voices must ring out in support of efforts to reduce violence; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2003 as VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE MONTH in Georgia and urge our citizens to commit themselves anew to helping reduce violence in neighborhoods and schools.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand three.