

# WATERSMART

- WHEREAS: Georgia is recovering from its long-term drought with rainfall, soil moisture, stream flows and lake levels returning to normal; and
- WHEREAS: Year-round water conservation remains highly important, whether or not we are experiencing drought conditions; and
- WHEREAS: The Cobb County–Marietta Water Authority is entering its fourth year of sponsoring the *waterSmart* program in efforts to maintain and encourage the continuation of efficient water practices in metro Atlanta; and
- WHEREAS: The Cobb County–Marietta Water Authority's *waterSmart* program encourages the utilities it serves to be *waterSmart* by educating its citizens on water conservation; and
- WHEREAS: The *waterSmart* program is a pioneer in water conservation education and continues to be an ongoing resource by teaching residents and homeowners about water saving practices such as xeriscaping lawns and retrofitting homes.
- WHEREAS: The *waterSmart* program is organizing annual spring and fall community events to educate children about the importance of water conservation and low water landscaping; and
- WHEREAS: Each citizen plays a pivotal role in protecting the future water supply of Georgia for future generations, and it is essential for Georgians to adopt water conservation practices to reduce water consumption throughout the year; now
- WHEREAS: The Cobb County–Marietta Water Authority's *waterSmart* program encourages the utilities it serves to be *waterSmart* by educating its citizens on water conservation; and
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim Cobb County–Marietta Water Authority as a *waterSmart* utility through the organization and continuation of the *waterSmart* program, which promotes the importance of year-round water conservation in all climatic conditions.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.