

# AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

WHEREAS: The recycling market infrastructure in Georgia makes it a prominent recycling state in the nation, as viable markets exist in the state for paper, aluminum and steel, plastics, glass, tires, organics and electronics; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is faced with an unprecedented drought requiring all Georgians to become better stewards of our natural resources. Recycling one ton of paper conserves 7,000 gallons of water and using recycled aluminum instead of bauxite ore to manufacture new aluminum products reduces water consumption by 40%; and

WHEREAS: Recycling saves energy, conserves water and other non-renewable natural resources, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions resulting in better air quality. Composting yard trimmings and other organics creates a product that replenishes depleted soils and aids in moisture retention resulting in lower water consumption; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia has invested \$2.2 million through the Solid Waste Trust Fund in a partnership with local governments and the private sector to establish single stream recycling infrastructure across the state to lower recycling collection costs and increase recycling participation; and

WHEREAS: Sustainable recycling programs provide the raw materials that businesses need to grow and thrive, and promote private sector investment in public programs. The America Recycles 2007 theme, "It All Comes Back to YOU," emphasizes personal responsibility and commitment to protecting the environment and supporting economic development in our nation, state and local communities; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2007, as AMERICA RECYCLES DAY in Georgia and encourage Georgians to do their part by reducing waste and recycling.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand seven.