WHEREAS: The vitality of our state is dependent upon the overall well-being of our citizens, including their psychological health; and

WHEREAS: Psychology is a diverse discipline, grounded in science, with boundless applications in everyday life. Psychologists study and encourage behaviors that build wellness and emotional resilience; and

WHEREAS: Georgia’s more than 2,100 licensed psychologists advance the creation, communication, evaluation, and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people’s lives, studying both normal and abnormal behavior and treating individuals with mental and emotional problems; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Psychological Association, as the state professional association representing psychologists in all practice, research and academic settings, works to further the development of psychology as a science, as an applied practice and as a means of promoting human welfare; and

WHEREAS: Psychology Day presents an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the members of the psychology profession and look forward to their future contributions to our state; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 3, 2010, as PSYCHOLOGY DAY in Georgia and encourage our citizens to join in recognizing psychologists and the important contributions they make to the well-being of our state.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.