

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS: The physical and mental health of our children is critical to the future well being of our state and development of our nation. Guarding the health of our youth is thus imperative for society; and

WHEREAS: An important component of a child's general health is dental health, and learning and maintaining a routine of good oral hygiene is a primary step in the development of a healthy body; and

WHEREAS: Educational programs in support of good dental health habits for children and youth and in support of fluoridation of public water supplies are instrumental in preventing dental disease; and

WHEREAS: Adults are urged to ensure that children brush their teeth carefully at least once a day, remembering that a thorough job takes two to three minutes; floss their teeth once a day; visit a dental office for preventative checkups and cleanings; and eat a well-balanced diet, avoiding excessive snacks between meals; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2008 as CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.