

# CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Many citizens of Georgia use the internet to keep in contact with family and friends, manage finances, purchase goods and services and get the latest news; and

WHEREAS: Primary and secondary schools in Georgia use the internet to enhance the education of our youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and

WHEREAS: The use of information technology at institutions of higher education is integral to teaching, learning and researching. Public libraries provide access to networked computers, online databases and other resources. Businesses in Georgia use information systems and networks to manage affairs and expand customer outreach; and

WHEREAS: We are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care and emergency response services, yet internet users and our information infrastructure face a threat of malicious attack by viruses and loss of privacy from spyware and adware; and

WHEREAS: Each year there are significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud. Securing our cyberspace is important. Awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Georgia's information infrastructure; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2005, as CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand five.