

ADOPTION MONTH

WHEREAS: Every child in Georgia deserves to grow up in a loving, nurturing family, with adults to guide them to a happy and productive life; and

WHEREAS: State and private agencies work to unite children and adults through the process of adoption, creating new families for thousands of children in Georgia each year; and

WHEREAS: Many Georgia families make room in their hearts and their homes for children of all ages, providing a warm, secure and loving atmosphere for children to thrive and realize their potential; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Human Resources Office of Adoptions and the Division of Family and Children Services are at the forefront in the effort to promote adoption and were instrumental in finding families for over 1,100 children in 2002; and

WHEREAS: Despite the many adoption success stories, hundreds of Georgia children will spend their childhood without the guidance and security of having a home of their own, so permanent loving families are needed for our waiting children; and

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2003 as ADOPTION MONTH in Georgia and urge our citizens to honor adoptive families and to remember Georgia's children who need and deserve loving families of their own.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand three.