

# CASA DAY

- WHEREAS: Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), founded in 1988, is an organization established to provide volunteer representation for children in juvenile court deprivation proceedings; and
- WHEREAS: Since its founding, 40 local CASA programs in Georgia have been instituted, and in the last year, 1,328 CASA volunteers have advocated for 6,382 children throughout the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: CASA programs in Georgia focus on training and community awareness and encourage citizens to get involved with local programs to educate the public about the importance of CASA volunteers; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, CASA programs in Georgia set aside a day to plan local events to raise public awareness about CASA in their communities and to celebrate hope for a better future for abused and neglected children; and
- WHEREAS: CASA Day in Georgia is also held to recognize CASA volunteers for giving selflessly of their time and talents to advocate for children in juvenile court proceedings; and
- WHEREAS: We are proud to recognize CASA programs in Georgia, their staff and volunteers, for the countless contributions made for Georgia's children; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2003, as CASA DAY in Georgia and encourage our citizens to commend the outstanding people who help make our state better for children.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand three.