

# GEORGIA ARCHIVES WEEK

- WHEREAS: Archives all over the state of Georgia are instrumental in collecting, preserving, organizing and making available records that document the history of Georgia and the United States for present and future generations; and
- WHEREAS: Archives have a responsibility to provide the public with access to their records, and it is the goal of archives to increase public awareness of the vital role they play in safeguarding knowledge of our intellectual, cultural, social and governmental heritage; and
- WHEREAS: Records found in archives possess legal, administrative, fiscal and historical value, documenting our citizens' everyday lives and activities, thus bringing a focus to the 2003 theme for Georgia Archives Week, "Looking at the Big Picture;" and
- WHEREAS: In addition to the Georgia Division of Archives and History, Georgia has numerous municipal, county, university and private archives that collect and preserve our state's historical records; and
- WHEREAS: During Georgia Archives Week, we celebrate the value of Georgia's historical records, publicizing the many ways historical records enrich our lives and recognizing those who maintain our communities' historical records; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2003, as GEORGIA ARCHIVES WEEK.

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