

## GEORGIA DAY

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia was founded by General James Edward Oglethorpe, who received a Royal Charter for establishing a 13<sup>th</sup> colony in honor of King George II and led 116 people from England on the *HMS Anne*, landing near present-day Savannah on February 12, 1733; and

WHEREAS: Since her founding 269 years ago, Georgia has grown from its original settlers to an estimated 8.5 million people in 2003 and has progressed from a rural state to a commercial, financial and cultural center for the Southeast; and

WHEREAS: The annual ceremony honoring our state's anniversary will feature the Georgia Military College High School Band and Drill Team, Junior College Color Guard and Regimental staff for this commemorative occasion at the State Capitol on February 12, 2003; and

WHEREAS: All Georgians are invited to rediscover our natural, cultural and historic wonders and sites and to encourage people throughout our nation and the globe to recognize the many people, institutions and events that have shaped Georgia's significant place in our country's history; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2003, as **GEORGIA DAY** in honor of our state's 270<sup>th</sup> anniversary and call upon all Georgians to celebrate our proud and rich heritage with appropriate activities and programs.

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 February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.