

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

WHEREAS: Historic preservation is an effective tool for economic development, heritage tourism, growth management, neighborhood revitalization, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS: Historic preservation can benefit urban and rural communities across the nation and Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: It is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS: "Preserve Our Landmark Places" is the theme for Georgia Historic Preservation Month, May 2003, cosponsored by the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and other local preservation and neighborhood organizations throughout Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Georgia Historic Preservation Month provides an opportunity for citizens of all ages and from all walks of life to recognize the important role that historic preservation plays in individual lives and in communities; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2003 as HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH Georgia and call upon all our citizens to recognize and participate in this special observance of our heritage of our citizens.

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

