

# LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES WEEK

WHEREAS: Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) play an vital role in the healthcare delivery system, working under the direction of a registered nurse or licensed physician in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, long-term care and acute and emergency facilities; and

WHEREAS: Over 47,000 LPNs practice in Georgia, with the Georgia Licensed Practical Nurses Association organized to promote excellence among members of this respected health care vocation and to develop and to maintain high educational standards among its students; and

WHEREAS: LPNs provide cost-effective, safe and quality health care, demonstrating their professionalism and compassion for patients daily while continuously striving to upgrade standards of practice and improve service; and

WHEREAS: The demand for LPNs will continue to grow in this decade due to the aging population, the growth of life-sustaining technology and the emergence of home health care services; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is proud to recognize our licensed practical nurses during their annual conference in Macon, Georgia, and express our gratitude for their devotion to helping improve the quality of life for all Georgians; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 20-24, 2003, as LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES WEEK in Georgia and commend these health care professionals for their tireless dedication to providing for the welfare of our greater community.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand three.