

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

- WHEREAS: Children are Georgia's most treasured resource, and providing for their health, safety, education and future opportunities remains one of our highest priorities and responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS: The Month of the Young Child focuses attention on early childhood issues and highlights the needs of young children by celebrating community partnership, promoting healthy children and families, recognizing early childhood professionals and advocating on behalf of children and families; and
- WHEREAS: Each week of April will have a different message, all with the aim of expanding awareness of various needs in providing quality child services at the grassroots levels; and
- WHEREAS: The four weekly themes are: Celebrating Community Partnerships, Promoting Healthy Children and Families, Recognizing Early Childhood Professionals and Advocating on Behalf of Children and Families; and
- WHEREAS: The theme for Georgia, "Early Education: Where Our Bright Future Begins," focuses on the importance of parents and public and private organizations working together effectively to provide quality early childhood programs; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2003 as MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD in Georgia and encourage our citizens to observe the month with appropriate activities celebrating children.

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

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