

MANUFACTURING APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS: Manufacturing creates wealth by adding value to raw materials through the application of and investment in tools, technology and talent; and

WHEREAS: More than 10,000 manufacturing facilities are located in Georgia, providing 532,000 jobs and generating more than \$18 billion in wages for Georgia's citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing represents the third largest business segment of Georgia's private sector and has an impact on Georgia's economy totaling more than \$61 billion; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's manufacturing operations include a wide variety of product families, such as textiles, food, apparel, transportation equipment, printing, paper, electronics and wood products; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing Appreciation Week promotes industry and manufacturing in Georgia through education and increased public awareness and celebrates the achievements of manufacturers in our state, acknowledging their critical and fundamental importance to the prosperity of our economy; now

THEREFORE: I, Sonny Perdue, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 14-18, 2003, as MANUFACTURING APPRECIATION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

