

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM EDUCATION DAY

WHEREAS: Georgia's students benefit from the opportunity to learn about the environment, nature and the many ecosystems in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's Outdoor Classroom Council facilitates the training of formal and non-formal educators so that students as well as communities can be enriched and develop an understanding of the importance of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS: Outdoor Classrooms are being developed, constructed, maintained and utilized by students, teachers, schools, and communities to create opportunities to explore nature, wildlife, plants and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS: It is important to teach students about the complexity of our many native ecosystems and the challenges we face in maintaining a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS: Many types of learning can take place in an Outdoor Classroom, including but not limited to Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Art, Foreign Languages and Character Development; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 7, 2003 as OUTDOOR CLASSROOM EDUCATION DAY in Georgia and encourage our citizens to become more aware of the environment around us.

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