

## RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY

WHEREAS: More than 55,000 retired educators have devoted their time, energies and talents to public education, providing the educational development of millions of outstanding Georgia citizens; and

WHEREAS: Retired educators touched and influenced the lives of generations of young people and motivated and inspired them to use their innate talents and abilities to the fullest and to become responsible and contributing citizens; and

WHEREAS: Retired educators possess valuable knowledge and use their lifetime experiences and skills to enrich the educational process in a variety of settings. Often they continue to be a major source of insight and direction for our state and our nation. Many return as classroom assistants or substitute teachers while many serve on local boards of education; and

WHEREAS: For over forty-five years, the Georgia Retired Educators Association has dedicated its efforts to improving the welfare of retired educators and has provided opportunities for them to become involved in community activities; and

WHEREAS: All citizens of Georgia owe a debt of gratitude and appreciation to retired educators for their dedicated service to our state and nation; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2003, as RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY in Georgia and urge our citizens to recognize the lasting contributions of our state's retired educators to the betterment of lives of our citizens and the welfare of our state.

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