

# SPACE DAY

WHEREAS: The United States National Space Policy calls for human and robotic exploration and use of outer space to enhance our knowledge of the Earth, the solar system and the universe for the benefit of humanity; and

WHEREAS: The United States National Space Policy calls for the U. S. space program to enhance the economic competitiveness and scientific and technical capabilities of the United States and to encourage state, local and private sector investment in and use of space technologies; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's local universities conduct major research programs in space-related fields such as space-based agriculture, robotic spacecraft construction and space experiment equipment development; and

WHEREAS: In Georgia, major corporations participate in activities related to space exploration, such as launches, vehicle construction, interplanetary spacecraft development, telecommunications, direct broadcast television and remote sensing; and

WHEREAS: On May 1, 2003, Space Day will be celebrated and sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and

WHEREAS: The objectives of Space Day are to mobilize American enthusiasm about space, to advance science and math education through the excitement of space technology, and to inspire future generations to realize the vision of our space pioneers; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2003, as SPACE DAY in Georgia.

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

