

## **STAPLES RECYCLE FOR EDUCATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS:** Funding for public education is greatly needed to ensure that our children are given every educational advantage; and

**WHEREAS:** Efforts to recycle at both the state and national level are worthwhile endeavors, especially when they involve our children; and

**WHEREAS:** Staples, the office supply store that operates in 46 states across the nation, is spearheading the "Staples Recycle For Education" program; and

**WHEREAS:** For every used ink and toner cartridge returned to Staples for recycling, Staples will donate \$1 toward educating Georgia students, which, combined with programs in other states, will raise more than \$5 million for schools; and

**WHEREAS:** The results of this initiative will be threefold: it will augment our state's education budget; it will call attention to the importance of creating the very best in-school experiences for children; and it will educate and motivate consumers to recycle cartridges in an effort to reduce harmful wastes; and

**WHEREAS:** When corporations contribute their time and energies toward building social capital, they are making an investment in our country. I would like to thank Staples for making that investment; now

**THEREFORE:** I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend the

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program and as we celebrate Staples Recycle for Education Month in Georgia and encourage Georgia's residents to bring in their ink and toner cartridges for recycling and to investigate other ways to recycle.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22nd day of July, 2003.