

VISION AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: Throughout the month of May, many concerned about the health of Georgians will promote awareness of eye diseases and the importance of regular eye examinations; and

WHEREAS: Prevent Blindness Georgia brings sight-saving programs and services, vision screening and public education to children and adults throughout the state; and

WHEREAS: Programs include vision screenings for children and adults, vision outreach to needy adults, vouchers for free or reduced-cost glasses, public education for persons at risk for eye disease, and vision screening training programs; and

WHEREAS: In 2002, more than 14,000 four-year-olds were screened for eye disease, and almost 400 volunteers and professionals were trained to conduct a vision screening; and

WHEREAS: We commend these charitable acts and the volunteers and staff for their efforts to prevent avoidable blindness in our state; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2003, as VISION AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

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