

# FAMILY MONTH

WHEREAS: The state of Georgia recognizes the family as the fundamental unit of society and an essential part of the cultural, social and spiritual fabric that comprises our communities; and

WHEREAS: Throughout Georgia's history, families have been the foundation of our society and a source of stability and love for every generation; and

WHEREAS: Strong families teach children to live moral lives and help us pass down the values that define a caring society. Families provide children with the encouragement, support and love they need to become confident, compassionate and successful members of society; and

WHEREAS: Upholding the timeless values that have sustained our social order throughout history will result in the enhancement of the health and security of Georgia's families; and

WHEREAS: Spending more family time together facilitates the development of positive and open relationships between parents and children. These relationships help parents encourage their children to make positive choices; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2009, as FAMILY MONTH in Georgia and urge all citizens to spend quality time with family members to strengthen relationships between parents and children.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> of October in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.