

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Georgia's children are our most precious resource and our hope for the future; and

WHEREAS: Cancer is the number one cause of death by disease in children, killing more children than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, congenital anomalies and pediatric AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS: More than 350 children are diagnosed with cancer each year in Georgia and more than 12,500 children are diagnosed with cancer each year nationwide. Childhood cancer crosses all racial, ethnic and social boundaries; and

WHEREAS: The state of Georgia recognizes the devastating effects of childhood cancer on the citizens of this state. Heightened awareness of childhood cancer will lead to increased knowledge of the disease and augmented support for research for cures; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2009, as CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia in order to raise awareness and help promote life-saving research.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 31st day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.