

GEORGIA D.A.R.E. DAY

WHEREAS: Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) teaches young people ways to resist peer pressure, drugs, alcohol, and joining gangs. D.A.R.E. reaches young people when they are most vulnerable to peer pressure and teaches the skills necessary to make positive decisions and avoid negative behaviors; and

WHEREAS: D.A.R.E. is taught in more than seventy-five percent of our nation's school districts and more than forty-three countries around the world. Thousands of Elementary and Middle school students are positively impacted by D.A.R.E. in Georgia classrooms each year; and

WHEREAS: The D.A.R.E curriculum helps students recognize and successfully evaluate risk-taking behaviors, resist gang pressure, apply effective decision-making skills, and evaluate the consequences of the choices available to them; and

WHEREAS: The D.A.R.E. program has achieved outstanding success teaching positive and effective approaches to some of the most difficult problems facing our young people today – substance abuse, violence, and gangs; and

WHEREAS: On Georgia D.A.R.E. Day, we honor the officers who help Georgia's youth become productive citizens by avoiding the dangers of substance abuse and violence; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2008 as D.A.R.E DAY in Georgia, and call upon the good citizens of Georgia to observe this day with appropriate activities.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.