

# FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia maintains a strong commitment to the intellectual growth and career development of its citizens and has fostered the development of an impressive complement of public and private programs of higher education; and

WHEREAS: A network of student financial assistance programs consisting of scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study provides access to educational opportunities for thousands of citizens each year. The financial aid community throughout Georgia works daily to meet the fiscal needs of qualified people seeking post-secondary educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Student Finance Commission's (GSFC) responsibilities include administering scholarship, grant and loan programs and providing programs and initiatives to encourage financial aid awareness. The GSFC and other Georgia educational entities have launched a free one-stop shop for preparing, planning, applying and paying for college through [GCollege411.org](http://GCollege411.org); and

WHEREAS: The GSFC, the Georgia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and the Georgia College Goal Sunday Task Force have promoted financial aid awareness by encouraging schools to schedule awareness events during the month of February. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Georgia College Goal Sunday event will be held which is designed to help students and parents complete their FAFSA; and

WHEREAS: The annual observance of Financial Aid Awareness Month provides an opportunity to work together to raise awareness of the cost and affordability of post-secondary education; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2008 as FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.