WHEREAS: The projected population increase along the coast will place increasing demands on Georgia's water resources; and

WHEREAS: Adequate supplies of water are crucial to maintaining a growing economy; and

WHEREAS: Water reuse can help provide a sustainable and dependable supply of water even in times of drought; and

WHEREAS: Water reuse can decrease loads on streams and rivers while providing an alternative to increased water withdrawals; and

WHEREAS: On October 19, 2006, the City of Hinesville passed the first ordinance of any municipality in Georgia's 24 coastal counties requiring all new subdivisions to install water mains strictly for reuse water; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend the

CITY OF HINESVILLE.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of July, 2007.