BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

WHEREAS: The U.S. Departments of State and Education have declared November 13-17, 2006, as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation; and

WHEREAS: International educational exchange involves thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These consist of study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, foreign language studies and global approaches to U.S. education; and

WHEREAS: By participating in such programs our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other cultures. These experiences help to break down barriers and build understanding and cooperation, both vital to peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS: We live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nations foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia encourages the citizens and institutions of this state, as beneficiaries of international education, to recognize its importance in their communities; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2006, as INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand six.

Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

John K. Watts
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