



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK**

WHEREAS: Georgia is richly blessed with natural resources and diverse ecosystems of mountains, the Piedmont, Coastal Plains, Barrier Islands, rivers connecting the mountains to the sea and salt-water marshes; and

WHEREAS: The air we breathe, the water we drink, the soil in which we grow our food and the wildlife habitats that support the web of life, all contribute to Georgia's quality of life and prosperity; and

WHEREAS: The protection of Georgia's natural resources is necessary for the state's continued health and economic growth. It is important for Georgians to be educated about the need for us all to be stewards of our natural surroundings; and

WHEREAS: Environmental Education Week provides an opportunity to bolster core environmental literacy among our K-12 students and to encourage collaboration between schools, local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums and parks in order to better promote environmental stewardship; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2009, as ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK in Georgia and encourage all Georgians to become environmentally conscious.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.



Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Ed F. Holcombe

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