



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION LANGUAGE MONTH

WHEREAS: According to the United States 2000 census, 751,438 Georgians, or roughly 9.9 percent of our state population, speak a foreign language; and

WHEREAS: The language abilities of Georgians represent a valuable cultural and economic resource; and

WHEREAS: Language and expression in literature and the fine arts of many cultures enhance the lives of Georgians; and

WHEREAS: Celebration of foreign languages provides Georgians a way to celebrate the rich culture and heritage of our population; and

WHEREAS: The year 2005 is nationally recognized as the Year of Languages by many notable language associations; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2005 as LANGUAGE MONTH in Georgia.

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



Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

John R. Watten
CHIEF OF STAFF