

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

WHEREAS: Most of the new jobs created throughout the United States and Georgia in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS: Entrepreneurship is vital to Georgia's growth and prosperity. Georgia's Career Student Organizations offer an array of programs, activities and competitive events focused on encouraging youth to be entrepreneurial; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia and Georgia Department of Economic Development support small business through the "Entrepreneur Friendly" Community Initiative, the Governor's Mentor Protégé Program, the Governor's Entrepreneur and Small Business Office, the Entrepreneur & Small Business Regional Program and the Entrepreneur & Small Business Coordinating Network – a partnership of statewide resource providers; and

WHEREAS: These Network partnerships reach throughout all of Georgia in the form of the SBDC, Centers of Innovation, University System of Georgia, Departments of Administrative Services, Agriculture, Community Affairs, Education, Labor, Technical & Adult Education, GA Micro Enterprise Network, GRA, GTA, GA Minority Business Development Center, Secretary of State, OneGeorgia Authority, USDA Rural Development, IRS, SBA; and

WHEREAS: Other partners include the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, NFIB, GeorgiaREAL, Junior Achievement, Global Achievers, FBLA, Georgia businesses and industries and Georgia communities; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 24 – March 3, 2007, as ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand seven.