



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION COLLEGE ACCESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: 68 percent of the state's 4.4 million working-age adults do not have at least a two-year college degree, and the state educational and business communities recognize the importance of encouraging all Georgians to pursue higher education as a means of improving overall economic and workforce development in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: Providing a web-based college information, planning and application portal that assists students with preparing for college and developing an individual graduation plan increases the likelihood of going to college; and
- WHEREAS: Professional development for school counselors and higher education enrollment professionals enhances their ability to assist Georgia students with understanding the benefits and opportunities of postsecondary education; and
- WHEREAS: Adult learners are best enabled to return to college to earn a degree when Georgia colleges establish programs and processes that meet the needs of adult learners, recognize prior learning obtained through job, military and other life experiences and support moving beyond GED attainment; and
- WHEREAS: Efforts to give high school students exposure to Georgia colleges through early college or dual enrollment programs as well as through the promotion of college application and awareness events encourage college enrollment; and
- WHEREAS: Business and community involvement ensure that Georgia families recognize and understand the benefits of college and have access to information on planning for, applying to and attending college as a means of economic improvement for the state; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as COLLEGE ACCESS MONTH in Georgia, saluting the valuable contributions of Georgia educators and leaders who have made the commitment to create a college-going culture in Georgia for all its citizens.

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



Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
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