



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION WE DON'T SERVE TEENS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Underage drinking can have dangerous consequences. Poor decision-making and risky behavior are often the result of teen alcohol use, potentially leading to serious legal ramifications or physical harm, not only for the drinker but innocent victims as well; and
- WHEREAS: Congress enacted the National Minimum Drinking Age Act in 1984, the federal law that established twenty-one as the minimum legal drinking age. Since that time, twenty-one percent fewer high school seniors drink and twelve percent fewer engage in binge drinking than did in 1983; and
- WHEREAS: Most teens who drink obtain alcohol from social sources, including at parties, from older friends, siblings and other adults. In a 2003 survey of drinkers ages 10 to 18, 65 percent said they got the alcohol from family members or friends, often without permission; and
- WHEREAS: It is critical that government work together with parents, businesses, and communities to reduce underage drinking. The Federal Trade Commission has developed an educational campaign, *We Don't Serve Teens*, that provides information about underage drinking and how to reduce easy access to alcohol for teens by taking steps at home and in the community; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the week of September 10, 2007, as WE DON'T SERVE TEENS WEEK in Georgia and encourage all communities to work toward reducing teen access to alcohol.

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



*Sonny Perdue*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST  
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