



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION TOURISM DAY

- WHEREAS: The travel and tourism industry, as the second largest industry in the state, plays a vital role in Georgia's economic prosperity and works to improve the quality of life for all Georgians; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, tourism generates an economic impact of approximately \$29.9 billion, which supports 219,300 jobs and contributes \$1.3 billion in state and local tax revenue; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia offers many unique recreational, cultural and educational opportunities for both residents and visitors traveling to Georgia from around the globe; and
- WHEREAS: Our state's diverse landscape provides residents and visitors with unique places, scenes and activities to visit. From the majestic mountains in the north, to the awe-inspiring beaches of our coastline and all the historical, ecological, entertaining and interesting sites in between, Georgia offers a wealth of destinations within an easy drive from anywhere in the Southeast; and
- WHEREAS: Our state will be celebrating with special programs, activities, tours and festivals highlighting our diversity. Visitors can tour the new Georgia Aquarium, explore the vineyards of North Georgia, rediscover the Cloister at Sea Island or visit one of Georgia's many state parks; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia thanks the many people involved with the travel and tourism industry who make Georgia a beautiful, exciting, hospitable and fun place to visit; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2008, as TOURISM DAY in Georgia and urge our citizens to extend a warm, friendly Georgia welcome to those visiting our great state.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.



  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

  
CHIEF OF STAFF