BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA ARCHIVES WEEK

WHEREAS: Archives all over the state of Georgia are instrumental in collecting, preserving, organizing and making available records that document the history of Georgia and the United States for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS: Archives have a responsibility to provide the public with access to their records, and it is the goal of archives to increase public awareness of the important role they play in safeguarding the knowledge of our intellectual, cultural, social and governmental heritage; and

WHEREAS: Records found in archives possess legal, administrative, fiscal and historical value, documenting our citizens' everyday lives and activities, thus bringing a focus to the 2005 theme for Georgia Archives Week, "Discover Hidden Treasures;" and

WHEREAS: In addition to the Georgia Division of Archives and History, Georgia has numerous municipal, county, university and private archives that collect and preserve our state's historical records; and

WHEREAS: During Georgia Archives Week, we celebrate the value of Georgia's historical records, publicizing the many ways historical records enrich our lives and recognizing those who maintain our communities' historical records; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 1-8, 2005, as GEORGIA ARCHIVES WEEK.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand five.

Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chief of Staff