



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION COURT OF APPEALS CENTENNIAL YEAR

- WHEREAS: The Court of Appeals of Georgia was organized on October 3, 1906, with the ratification of a constitutional amendment creating the Court; and
- WHEREAS: In fulfilling the role for which it was created, the Court of Appeals of Georgia has assumed a significant portion of the appellate caseload burden for the state; and
- WHEREAS: The Court has increased from a bench of three judges originally assigned 155 cases from the Supreme Court to a bench of twelve judges and 3,140 case filings in 2005; and
- WHEREAS: The function of the Court of Appeals of Georgia is vital to fair treatment in the trial courts, final resolution of disputes and preservation of public trust in government operation; and
- WHEREAS: The Court of Appeals of Georgia has diligently performed this role in the judicial branch of Georgia government by ensuring fairness, impartiality and consistency in the application of the law and delivering decisions which provide clear and coherent direction to the trial courts, litigants, attorneys and public; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim 2006 as the COURT OF APPEALS CENTENNIAL YEAR and honor the Court and its judges, staff and hundred years of history as an integral part of our Judicial Branch. I encourage all Georgians to participate in this year's Centennial.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand six.



  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

  
CHIEF OF STAFF