

# Georgia State Senate



## A RESOLUTION

Recognizing February 25, 2009, as Skin Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, melanoma and other skin cancers are one of the most preventable, yet fatal, forms of cancer; and

WHEREAS, melanoma accounts for more than 50 percent of all cancers combined, including breast, lung, and prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, one American dies of melanoma every 67 minutes, and the estimated total direct annual cost of melanoma treatment exceeds \$290 million; and

WHEREAS, it is reported that of the one million newly diagnosed cases of melanoma and other skin cancers each year, an estimated 10,710 people will die; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2009, the Skin Cancer Awareness Network Foundation will hold its third annual 5K event with over 800 participants at Perimeter Place, with dermatologists available for free skin spot checks and educating the public about early detection; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to encourage public awareness of the dangers of excessive or unprotected direct exposure to the sun and to educate people about preventative safety measures to avoid or lessen the chances of developing melanoma or one of the other preventable skin cancers while still being able to safely enjoy outdoor activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body encourage all Georgians to have a greater awareness of the risks of skin cancer and the need for early diagnosis of skin cancer and hereby recognize February 25, 2009, as Skin Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Skin Cancer Awareness Network Foundation.

Senate Resolution 398

By: Senator Thomas of the 54th

Adopted in the Senate February 25, 2009

  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

  
SENATOR, DISTRICT 54th