

## House of Representatives

House Resolution 1759

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Porter of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, Cheokas of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and others

### A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 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, accounting 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, the objectives of the Georgia Society of Dermatologists are to promote the highest possible standards of clinical practice, education, and research in dermatologic medicine and surgery and related disciplines; to promote the public interest relating to dermatology; to advocate on behalf of dermatology and high-quality patient care; and to provide a forum for the discussion of medical and practice-related problems; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Dermatological Association is an association of dermatologists practicing in the greater Atlanta area, dedicated to promoting the highest possible standards of clinical practice, education, and research in dermatologic medicine, surgery, and related disciplines while promoting the public interest relating to dermatology and providing a forum for the discussion of medical and practice-related problems; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Skin Cancer Awareness Foundation is to create public awareness of the dangers of excessive or unprotected direct exposure to the sun or both and educate people about preventive safety measures to avoid or lessen the chances of developing melanoma or one of the other preventable skin cancers; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2010, the Skin Cancer Awareness Network Foundation will hold its fourth annual 5K event with over 800 participants at Perimeter Place in Atlanta, with dermatologists available for free skin spot checks and to provide education 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 preventive 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 recognize March 24, 2010, as Skin Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia Society of Dermatologists, the Atlanta Dermatological Association, and the Skin Cancer Awareness Network Foundation.

### IN HOUSE

Read and Adopted  
March 18, 2010

  
Robert E. Rivers, Jr.  
Clerk

