

House Resolution 1363

By: Representative Smith of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that public employees and
 2 persons under the care or control of the state or a political subdivision shall not be restricted
 3 or discouraged from expressing greetings or salutations associated with any religious or
 4 cultural day or period of commemoration; to provide for the submission of this amendment
 5 for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article I, Section III of the Constitution of Georgia is amended by adding a new Paragraph
 9 to read as follows:

10 "Paragraph IV. *Holiday greetings*. No employee of the state or any political subdivision
 11 of the state or any public authority or corporation and no student, prisoner, ward of the
 12 state, or any other person under the care or control of the state or any political subdivision
 13 or authority of the state shall be restricted or discouraged in any way from expressing
 14 greetings or salutations associated with any religious or cultural day or period of
 15 commemoration, including, without limitation, 'Merry Christmas,' 'Ramadan Kareem,'
 16 'Namasté,' 'Happy Hanukkah,' and 'Happy Kwanzaa.'"

17 SECTION 2.

18 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
 19 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
 20 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

21 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that public
 22 employees and persons under public care or control shall not be restricted
 23 or discouraged from expressing greetings or salutations associated with any
 24 () NO religious or cultural day or period of commemoration?"

25 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

26 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

- 1 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
- 2 become a part of the Constitution of this state.