

Senate Resolution 1633

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing May, 2010, as Breastfeeding Awareness Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, breastfeeding promotes bonding between a mother and child, creating a strong
3 foundation for a nurturing family relationship, and provides an excellent nutritional start for
4 babies; and
- 5 WHEREAS, breast milk is easily digested and contains antibodies from the mother that pass
6 to the baby and help protect against illness, allergies, and dental decay; and
- 7 WHEREAS, studies have shown that breastfed babies are less likely to be obese children,
8 thereby reducing rising health care costs related to childhood high blood pressure, Type II
9 diabetes, heart disease, and asthma; and
- 10 WHEREAS, mothers benefit from breastfeeding as it helps burn calories and reduces the risk
11 of some cancers, further lessening health care costs; and
- 12 WHEREAS, breastfeeding is recommended by the United States Surgeon General, the
13 Georgia Breastfeeding Coalition, Georgia Department of Community Health, and a majority
14 of health care professionals; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia supports continued research and education in promoting
16 breastfeeding as a high priority to reduce the health care costs in this state and improve the
17 health of Georgia's babies.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 acknowledge the importance of breastfeeding to both babies and mothers and recognize May,
20 2010, as Breastfeeding Awareness Month.

- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and the press.