

Senate Resolution 398  
By: Senator Thomas of the 54th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 25, 2009, as Skin Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for
- 2 other purposes.
  
- 3 WHEREAS, melanoma and other skin cancers are one of the most preventable, yet fatal,
- 4 forms of cancer; and
  
- 5 WHEREAS, melanoma accounts for more than 50 percent of all cancers combined, including
- 6 breast, lung, and prostate cancer; and
  
- 7 WHEREAS, one American dies of melanoma every 67 minutes, and the estimated total
- 8 direct annual cost of melanoma treatment exceeds \$290 million; and
  
- 9 WHEREAS, it is reported that of the one million newly diagnosed cases of melanoma and
- 10 other skin cancers each year, an estimated 10,710 people will die; and
  
- 11 WHEREAS, on May 23, 2009, the Skin Cancer Awareness Network Foundation will hold
- 12 its third annual 5K event with over 800 participants at Perimeter Place, with dermatologists
- 13 available for free skin spot checks and educating the public about early detection; and
  
- 14 WHEREAS, it is necessary to encourage public awareness of the dangers of excessive or
- 15 unprotected direct exposure to the sun and to educate people about preventative safety
- 16 measures to avoid or lessen the chances of developing melanoma or one of the other
- 17 preventable skin cancers while still being able to safely enjoy outdoor activity.
  
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 19 encourage all Georgians to have a greater awareness of the risks of skin cancer and the need
- 20 for early diagnosis of skin cancer and hereby recognize February 25, 2009, as Skin Cancer
- 21 Awareness Day at the state capitol.

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