

Senate Resolution 384

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Prostate Cancer Pledge and recognizing Monday, March 14, 2011, as  
2 Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is a serious health concern in Georgia and is the leading cause  
4 of cancer among Georgia males with one in 36 men dying of the cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, one of the most common known non-skin cancers, prostate cancer affects one  
6 in six men and accounts for 28 percent of all new annual cancer cases among men in  
7 Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia ranks 11th in the nation with the number of per capita deaths from  
9 prostate cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, age, race, history, genetics, and place of residence are all major factors that  
11 influence the risk of developing prostate cancer; African American men are 60 percent more  
12 likely to develop the disease than Caucasian men and are nearly 2.5 times more likely to die  
13 from the disease; and

14 WHEREAS, difficulty in treating prostate cancer increases with the age of the patient, and  
15 men with a family history of the disease or who are of African American descent should be  
16 tested annually after they reach 40, while other men should get annual tests after they reach  
17 50; and

18 WHEREAS, men can be easily tested for prostate cancer with a Prostate Specific Antigen  
19 (PSA) screening, which is a simple blood test that helps establish a baseline PSA level that  
20 can help physicians detect prostate issues early; and

21 WHEREAS, over 65 percent of all incidents of prostate cancer are diagnosed in men over  
22 65; and

23 WHEREAS, more than two million men in America have been diagnosed with prostate  
24 cancer at some point in their lives and are still alive today; and

25 WHEREAS, the Prostate Cancer Pledge Campaign encourages every man over 40 in Georgia  
26 to speak to his doctor about prostate health and pledge to get screened for prostate cancer;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Frank Critz and RC Cancer Centers have worked diligently to increase  
29 awareness of prostate cancer for over 25 years and support the Prostate Cancer Pledge  
30 Campaigns; and

31 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is a serious disease that is treatable if caught early, and it is  
32 imperative that men take the time to get screened for this deadly disease.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 commend the efforts of the Prostate Cancer Pledge and its partners, urge all men in Georgia  
35 to learn more about prostate health and cancer prevention, and recognize Monday, March 14,  
36 2011, as Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Prostate Cancer Pledge.