

Senate Resolution 136

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Wednesday, February 6, 2013, as Skin Cancer Awareness Day at the state  
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, melanoma and other skin cancers are one of the most preventable, yet fatal,  
4 forms of cancer, accounting for more than 50 percent of all cancers combined, including  
5 breast, lung, and prostate cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, one American dies of melanoma every 67 minutes, and the estimated total  
7 direct annual cost of melanoma treatment exceeds \$290 million; and

8 WHEREAS, it is reported that of the one million newly diagnosed cases of melanoma and  
9 other skin cancers each year, an estimated 10,710 people will die; and

10 WHEREAS, the objectives of the Georgia Society of Dermatologists are to promote the  
11 highest possible standards of clinical practice, education, and research in dermatologic  
12 medicine and surgery and related disciplines; to promote the public interest relating to  
13 dermatology; to advocate on behalf of dermatology and high-quality patient care; and to  
14 provide a forum for the discussion of medical and practice related problems; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, it is necessary to encourage public awareness of the dangers of excessive or  
25 unprotected direct exposure to the sun and to educate people about preventive safety  
26 measures to avoid or lessen the chances of developing melanoma or one of the other  
27 preventable skin cancers while still being able to safely enjoy outdoor activities.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 encourage all Georgians to have a greater awareness of the risks of skin cancer and the need  
30 for early diagnosis of skin cancer and recognize February 6, 2013, as Skin Cancer Awareness  
31 Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia Society of Dermatologists, the  
34 Atlanta Dermatological Association, and the Skin Cancer Awareness Network Foundation.