

Senate Resolution 452

By: Senator Tippins of the 37th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 19, 2013, as Multi-Agency Alliance for Children Day at the capitol; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1996, a group of nonprofit agencies serving children gathered and founded  
4 what is now known as the collaborative nonprofit entity, Multi-Agency Alliance for Children  
5 (MAAC); and

6 WHEREAS, the current member entities of MAAC are CHRIS Kids, Creative Community  
7 Services, Inc., Devereux Georgia Treatment Network, Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and  
8 Family Ministries, Inc., Georgia Elks Aidmore Children's Center, Hillside, Inc., and Twin  
9 Cedars Youth and Family Services, and each utilizes national best practices and has  
10 accreditation from a national accreditation body; and

11 WHEREAS, MAAC created a new way of doing business in the area of behavioral health  
12 care to provide a seamless continuum of services and care addressing all the needs of the  
13 child, adolescent, and family, reducing the number of treatment "failures" and multiple  
14 placements of children in various out-of-home care settings; and

15 WHEREAS, MAAC has utilized this continuum working closely to serve children from  
16 throughout Georgia who are many times in state custody, with each of the member entities  
17 retaining their individuality and expertise in the populations which they serve and helping  
18 eliminate the duplication of services across multiple agencies; and

19 WHEREAS, MAAC and its member agencies now work closely with the Departments of  
20 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Community Health, Education, Human  
21 Services, and Juvenile Justice to provide these services to Georgia's children, adolescents,  
22 and families in need; and

23 WHEREAS, MAAC through its member entities provides a variety of services to these  
24 children, adolescents, and families including residential care, emergency shelter, intensive  
25 in-home, wrap-around, family foster care, group home, independent living, and intensive  
26 psychiatric care; and

27 WHEREAS, MAAC's members also provide for other supports such as adoption, maternity  
28 care, prescriptive educational services, respite care, and other services; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
30 distinguished organization, including their member entities, be appropriately recognized for  
31 the care it provides to Georgians.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 honor and commend the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children and its member entities for their  
34 many years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the children,  
35 adolescents, and families of this state and recognize March 19, 2013, as Multi-Agency  
36 Alliance for Children Day at the 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 Multi-Agency Alliance for Children.