

Senate Resolution 884

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 10, 2014, as Multi-Agency Alliance for Children Day at the state
2 capitol; and 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 and affiliates of MAAC are CHRIS Kids, Creative
7 Community Services, Inc., Devereux Georgia Treatment Network, Georgia Baptist
8 Children's Homes and Family Ministries, Inc., Georgia Elks Aidmore Children's Center,
9 Hillside, Inc., Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, The Methodist Homes, and Youth
10 Villages, and each utilizes national best practices and has accreditation from a national
11 accreditation body; and

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

16 WHEREAS, MAAC has utilized this continuum working closely to serve children from
17 throughout Georgia who are sometimes considered the most difficult children and youth to
18 place because of their complex needs and who are oftentimes in state custody; and

19 WHEREAS, each of the member entities retains its individuality and expertise in the
20 populations that it serves and strives to eliminate the duplication of services across multiple
21 agencies; and

22 WHEREAS, MAAC and its member entities and affiliates work closely with the
23 Departments of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Community Health,

24 Education, Human Services, and Juvenile Justice to provide these services to Georgia's
25 children, adolescents, and families in need; and

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

30 WHEREAS, MAAC convenes the Georgia Youth Opportunities Initiative which works to
31 improve outcomes for young people who are transitioning out of foster care by creating
32 opportunities for success in areas such as education, employment, permanency, housing,
33 physical and mental health, social capital, and financial capability; and

34 WHEREAS, MAAC, through its support of Georgia Empowerment, embodies the
35 importance of having young people as partners in reforming systems of care and in the
36 decisions that impact their lives; and

37 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
38 distinguished organization, including its member entities and affiliates, be appropriately
39 recognized.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 recognize February 10, 2014, as Multi- Agency Alliance for Children Day at the state capitol
42 and commend the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children and its member entities and affiliates
43 for their many years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the
44 children, adolescents, and families of this state.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children.