

Senate Resolution 1196

By: Senator Beach of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 22-29, 2014, as Atlanta Science Festival Week at the capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education is vital
4 to the future of our state, city, and children, enhancing the numbers of scientifically literate
5 and skilled citizens who enter the local workforce, make informed decisions, and participate
6 meaningfully in civic affairs; and

7 WHEREAS, our region is home to a rich collection of STEM assets, including businesses,
8 industry, educational institutions, and museums, with particular strengths in biosciences,
9 public health, and health information technology; and

10 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Science Festival is a weeklong celebration of local science and
11 technology that highlights our region as a national and global leader in innovation; and

12 WHEREAS, scientists and educators from local colleges, museums, and companies will
13 uncover mysteries and explain discoveries through hands-on activities, facility tours,
14 stimulating presentations, and riveting performances; and

15 WHEREAS, the events will enrich and support STEM education in the classroom with
16 informal STEM learning, exploration, and fun for both children and adults to enrich our
17 community's scientific enthusiasts and inspire a new generation of curious thinkers; and

18 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Science Festival celebrates the inherent integration of science,
19 technology, engineering, and mathematics in our lives today, shares the impact these
20 disciplines have on our community, and inspires us all to wonder about our future; and

21 WHEREAS, the festival will strengthen connections between the sciences and the arts and
22 humanities, enhance collaboration among local institutions, and spark conversations between
23 the public and local STEM professionals.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize March 22-29, 2014, as Atlanta Science Festival Week at the capitol and encourage
26 all citizens to explore the science and technology in our region.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.