

## House Resolution 1898

By: Representatives Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Bell of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Randall of the 142<sup>nd</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the month of July, 2014, as Fibroid Awareness Month at the state capitol; and  
2 for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia seeks to foster the health and well-being of its citizens and  
4 engage in a conscientious commitment to advancing women's health; and
- 5 WHEREAS, uterine fibroids, clinically known as uterine leiomyoma, are the most common  
6 benign tumors in the uterus; and
- 7 WHEREAS, three out of four women will have uterine fibroids during their lives, and one  
8 in four women will experience symptoms severe enough to require medical intervention; and
- 9 WHEREAS, fibroids affect up to 80 percent of women by age 50; and
- 10 WHEREAS, ten to 21 million women suffer from fibroids in the United States; and
- 11 WHEREAS, African American women experience fibroids three to five times more often  
12 than the general population, a higher rate than any other ethnic group; and
- 13 WHEREAS, symptoms of uterine fibroids often include: heavy bleeding; abdominal, lower  
14 back, and pelvic pain and pain during intercourse; enlargement of the lower abdomen;  
15 frequent urination; anemia; prolonged menstrual cycle; complications during pregnancy;  
16 infertility; and miscarriage; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in the United States, uterine fibroids are the leading cause of hysterectomy and  
18 therefore, the loss of reproductive potential; nearly half of all hysterectomies are performed  
19 to address uterine fibroids; and

20 WHEREAS, according to National Uterine Fibroid Foundation, Georgia ranks the  
21 ninth-highest state to perform hysterectomies; and

22 WHEREAS, the establishment of health seminars, funding opportunities, medical  
23 information panels, and programs for all community populations would serve to empower  
24 and inform all groups about this health crisis to encourage faster diagnosis, more research,  
25 better treatment options, and eventually a cure for uterine fibroids.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize the month of July, 2014, as Fibroid Awareness Month  
28 at the state capitol to bring awareness and national exposure to the uterine fibroid condition.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.