

Senate Resolution 464

By: Senator Beach of the 21st

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 10, 2015, as Together Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Together Georgia, a nonprofit alliance of service providers, was originally  
4 established as the Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children more than 50  
5 years ago; and

6 WHEREAS, Together Georgia services a host of almost 100 provider agencies across  
7 Georgia, including family preservation and support groups, education programs, psychiatric  
8 residential treatment facilities, adoption and maternity homes, family foster care, therapeutic  
9 foster care, community group homes, emergency care, outdoor therapeutic programs, and  
10 independent living and after care programs for children and youth aging out of this state's  
11 system; and

12 WHEREAS, Together Georgia's provider agencies, which provide care to Georgia's most  
13 vulnerable children and youth and their families, are now being asked to accomplish even  
14 more despite the fact that they are provided with fewer resources; and

15 WHEREAS, Together Georgia serves as a voice for its provider agencies to help stretch  
16 resources and seek new, valuable resources for these services provided to the abused and  
17 neglected children in this state; and

18 WHEREAS, Together Georgia provides a number of other services to assist its members  
19 better care for Georgia's children and youth in addition to lobbying and advocacy work,  
20 which include providing research and information on current issues and trends in child  
21 welfare, providing back office solutions and purchasing resources, and professional  
22 development and consulting for its agencies; and

23 WHEREAS, Together Georgia annually hosts the Georgia Children and Families  
24 Conference, an event which attracts attendees from care management organizations  
25 providing healthcare to Georgia's children, state agencies including the Division of Family  
26 and Children Services and the Departments of Community Health and Juvenile Justice,  
27 providers, and many others who are interested in child welfare issues; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished organization, its staff,  
29 and its volunteers be appropriately recognized for their outstanding accomplishments and  
30 their dedication and work to better the lives of Georgia's children and youth and their  
31 families.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 commend Together Georgia, its staff, its provider agencies, and its volunteers for their past,  
34 present, and future work on behalf of Georgia's children and youth and their families and  
35 recognize March 10, 2015, as Together Georgia Day at the state capitol.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Together Georgia.