

Senate Resolution 808

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 2, 2016, as Stop Violence Against Women Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a leading cause of injury to American women, and
4 witnessing such violence can have a devastating emotional effect on children; and

5 WHEREAS, according to the Violence Policy Center, the State of Georgia currently ranks
6 17th in the nation for the rate of men killing women; and

7 WHEREAS, from inner cities to rural communities, domestic violence and sexual assault
8 affects individuals of every age, culture, class, gender, sexual orientation, race, and religion;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in 2013, according to family violence incident reports, Georgia's law
11 enforcement agencies reported 68,313 incidents of family violence; in 2014, the 46 state
12 certified domestic violence programs in Georgia received 61,415 crisis calls, and the 22 state
13 certified sexual assault centers in Georgia received 8,819 crisis calls; and

14 WHEREAS, law enforcement, local and state agencies, community groups, and business and
15 faith based organizations must work together to identify effective intervention strategies,
16 education programs, and prevention programs that will disrupt the cycle of violence; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Georgia Commission on
18 Family Violence, and the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault encourage a coordinated
19 community response to abating this epidemic; and

20 WHEREAS, we commend, with much gratitude, the dedicated efforts of the professionals
21 and volunteers who make it their mission to stop violence against women by offering

22 protection, guidance, encouragement, and compassion to survivors of domestic violence and
23 sexual assault across this great state.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize February 2, 2016, as Stop Violence Against Women Day at the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
28 press.