

## Senate Resolution 1020

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Orrock of the 36th, Jones of the 25th, Butler of the 55th, Burke of the 11th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 19, 2016, as American Massage Therapy Association - Georgia  
2 Chapter Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the American Massage Therapy Association - Georgia Chapter is a nonprofit  
4 entity which is a part of the largest national organization of massage therapists that promotes  
5 the benefits of massage to the public and healthcare community; and

6 WHEREAS, members of the American Massage Therapy Association - Georgia Chapter are  
7 healthcare professionals who are licensed by the State of Georgia Board of Massage  
8 Therapy; and

9 WHEREAS, the American Massage Therapy Association - Georgia Chapter is composed  
10 of 1,137 members who reside throughout the State of Georgia and provide licensed and  
11 regulated massage therapy services to its clients; and

12 WHEREAS, the American Massage Therapy Association - Georgia Chapter is a diverse  
13 group of massage therapists led by ethical professionals who embrace consistency in  
14 educational standards and requirements as well as endorse the highest professional standards  
15 for its members; and

16 WHEREAS, massage therapy is beneficial to the overall health and wellness of individuals  
17 and is increasingly being integrated into healthcare with consumers spending millions  
18 annually on a national basis for such services; and

19 WHEREAS, clinical research is proving that massage therapy is helpful with a variety of  
20 health issues, including stress, high blood pressure, fibromyalgia, arthritis, many forms of  
21 cancer, headaches, pain management, orthopedic injuries, and other maladies; and

22 WHEREAS, the American Massage Therapy Association - Georgia Chapter provides its  
23 member massage therapists with access to professional education information and consumers  
24 and health professionals information on accessing qualified massage therapists in their areas.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 recognize February 19, 2016, as American Massage Therapy Association - Georgia Chapter  
27 Day at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend the American  
29 Massage Therapy Association - Georgia Chapter and its members for their years of efficient,  
30 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state and extend to  
31 them their most sincere best wishes for the future.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the American  
34 Massage Therapy Association - Georgia Chapter.