

## Senate Resolution 190

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Seay of the 34th, Parent of the 42nd, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February, 2017, as American Heart Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia celebrates the extraordinary progress in heart health and  
3 recognizes that more needs to be done in Georgia to safeguard heart health for generations  
4 to come; and
- 5 WHEREAS, some 92 million Americans are affected by major cardiovascular disease; and
- 6 WHEREAS, heart disease is the #1 killer of Americans and Georgians; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Georgia ranked 11th among 50 states in the highest number of heart disease  
8 deaths in 2015; and
- 9 WHEREAS, there were over 633,000 American lives and nearly 18,000 Georgia lives lost  
10 to heart disease in 2015; and
- 11 WHEREAS, there were approximately 790,000 heart attacks in the United States and over  
12 28,000 in Georgia in 2015; and
- 13 WHEREAS, there are over 350,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests in the United  
14 States and approximately 10,000 in Georgia annually; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the survival rate for out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest averages  
16 approximately 10 percent annually; and
- 17 WHEREAS, 80 percent of all sudden cardiac arrest victims are shown to have underlying  
18 heart disease; and

19 WHEREAS, the best outcomes survival from sudden cardiac arrest most depend upon  
20 immediate bystander initiated CPR and an early shock from an automatic external  
21 defibrillator (AED); and

22 WHEREAS, less than 50 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims outside of a hospital  
23 receive bystander initiated CPR and approximately only 2 percent of victims receive a shock  
24 from a bystander initiated AED; and

25 WHEREAS, Georgians can take action to protect their heart health and prevent heart disease  
26 by taking steps to prevent and control the risk factors for the heart disease and sudden cardiac  
27 arrest; and

28 WHEREAS, keeping Georgians healthy and promoting awareness of health issues, including  
29 heart disease, is an important responsibility and depends on the actions of many  
30 organizations and groups in our community; and

31 WHEREAS, heart health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and  
32 our commitment to keeping Georgians healthy is stronger than ever; and

33 WHEREAS, the goal of building awareness of heart disease risk and empowering Georgians  
34 to reduce their risk and prevent heart disease is better outcomes; and

35 WHEREAS, Georgians need to take action to make heart health a priority for themselves and  
36 their families, become aware of their risk for heart disease, and take action to protect their  
37 heart health.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
39 recognize February, 2017, as American Heart Month in Georgia, and encourage all citizens  
40 to work together to increase awareness and understanding of heart disease and promote and  
41 improve the heart health of all Georgians.

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