

Senate Resolution 404

By: Senator James of the 35th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 10, 2017, as Africa Diaspora Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Africa, being the cradle of world civilization, is made up of 62 distinct  
4 countries, is the world's second largest and second most populous continent, and the most  
5 multilingual continent in the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Zambia, the Congo, Cameroon, South Africa, Kenya, Ghana, the Ivory Coast,  
7 Gambia, Liberia, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda are the countries showcasing their  
8 rich cultures during the 2017 Africa Diaspora Day; and

9 WHEREAS, the African Diaspora is the movement of Africans and their descendants to  
10 places throughout the world, predominantly to the Americas, then later to Europe, the Middle  
11 East, and other places around the globe, including the State of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, many of the traditions we celebrate and practice in the United States originate  
13 from the peoples of the Continent of Africa; and

14 WHEREAS, there are many current Georgia residents who were born in Africa or are of  
15 African descent; and

16 WHEREAS, the African community has contributed positively to the economic, social, and  
17 political well-being of the State of Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly appreciate the presence, productivity,  
19 and many contributions of those residents of African birth and lineage.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize March 10, 2017, as Africa Diaspora Day at the state capitol, recognize the rich

22 cultural tapestry of the peoples of Africa, commend the economic contributions and diversity  
23 of the African people, and seek to build positive relationships with the countries and people  
24 of Africa and the people of African descent who reside in Georgia through Africa Diaspora  
25 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.