

Senate Resolution 1059

By: Senator Beach of the 21st

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 20, 2018, as Advance Atlanta Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Advance Atlanta is a grassroots, citizen-driven nonprofit organization working  
4 to champion existing transit systems; and

5 WHEREAS, Advance Atlanta builds support for comprehensive regional transit expansion  
6 throughout metro Atlanta; and

7 WHEREAS, Advance Atlanta is composed of diverse, young professionals hailing from all  
8 13 metro Atlanta counties who possess legal, advocacy, and technical skills and are dedicated  
9 to engaging metro Atlantans in how their communities are built and planned; and

10 WHEREAS, the Advance Atlanta Board of Directors includes young leaders President  
11 Danielle Elkins of Civic Ideation, Vice President Alyssa Davis of Sugarloaf Community  
12 Improvement District, Treasurer Joey Kline of Jones Lang LaSalle, Secretary Evie  
13 Hightower of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan L.L.P., Engagement Committee Chair Andrew  
14 Laarhoven, Fundraising Committee Chair Michael Leithead of North Fulton Community  
15 Improvement District, Communications Committee Chair Sarah Z. Beeson of Oasis  
16 Consulting Services, Karl Jennings of Emory University, Nick Juliano of Uber, Patrick  
17 Klibanoff of KPMG Strategy, James Touchton of Council for Quality Growth, and Joel  
18 Wascher of Atlanta Regional Commission; and

19 WHEREAS, Advance Atlanta works actively with lawmakers, community leaders, and  
20 residents to promote balanced and proactive transit-oriented policies that support economic  
21 and geographic growth in the Atlanta region; and

22 WHEREAS, Advance Atlanta has a digital reach of 10,000 informed citizens and has hosted  
23 hundreds of individuals at transit-oriented events across the Metro area with the goal of

24 raising awareness for transportation options, moving policy initiatives forward, and engaging  
25 the general public; and

26 WHEREAS, Advance Atlanta continues to expand in the metro Atlanta area, including  
27 expansion across the 13 metro counties, to influence policymakers and elected officials state  
28 wide; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding achievements of this  
30 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend Advance Atlanta for its efforts in promoting transit expansion in the State of  
33 Georgia and recognize March 20, 2018, as Advance Atlanta Day at the state capitol.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Advance Atlanta.