

House Resolution 1024

By: Representative Lupton of the 83rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7, 2024, as Stand With Survivors Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a public safety and public health crisis affecting urban,
4 suburban, rural, and tribal communities in the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault are experienced by individuals of all
6 backgrounds and can occur across the life course; and

7 WHEREAS, over their lifetime, one in five women and one in seven men experience
8 intimate partner violence; and

9 WHEREAS, one in five children are exposed to domestic violence; and

10 WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault can have a profound impact on lifelong
11 health, opportunity, and well-being; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's domestic violence shelters and culturally specific community-based
13 programs served more than 56,000 victims in Fiscal Year 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, in Georgia, there were more than 193 known domestic violence fatalities in
15 2022, and there has been a 42 percent increase in domestic violence fatalities from
16 2012-2022; and

17 WHEREAS, between 2018-2022, there were 171,789 known domestic violence fatalities in
18 the State of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia currently ranks fourth in the nation for murder-suicide incidents and;
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21 WHEREAS, domestic violence programs and sexual assault centers provide counseling, legal
22 advocacy, transitional housing, shelter, children's advocacy, and crisis intervention; and

23 WHEREAS, the value of connecting victims to advocates and services is only as helpful as
24 those services are available; and

25 WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault are preventable; and

26 WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of the many professionals and volunteers who make it their
27 mission to aid and serve those whose lives are impacted by family and intimate partner
28 violence by offering protection, guidance, encouragement, and compassion to survivors of
29 domestic violence and sexual assault across this great state are hereby commended with
30 much gratitude.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize February 7, 2024, as Stand With Survivors Day at the
33 state capitol.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 public and the press.