

Senate Resolution 626

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Wicks of the 34th and James of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 3, 2026, as Georgia Utility Contractors Association Legislative
2 Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association is a 55-year old non-profit trade
4 association representing the underground utility construction industry with the mission of
5 promoting safety and responsible installation of new and rehabilitation of existing
6 underground utility infrastructure to consist of water, sewer, gas, electrical,
7 telecommunications, water and wastewater treatment plants, dams and landfills; and

8 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association brings the underground utility
9 construction industry, policymakers and stakeholders together as they focus on long-range
10 underground utility infrastructure development, encouraging adequate government services,
11 catalyzing consensus on damage prevention issues, and convening discussion on responsible
12 and safe installation; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association is composed of a diverse
14 membership of recognized licensed utility contractors, site developers, engineers, heavy

15 equipment dealers, equipment suppliers, law firms, insurance bonding agents, and anyone
16 with an interest in underground utility contracting in Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association delivers this mission through the
18 platforms of advocacy, education, and information by working with thousands of elected
19 officials, administrators, and professional staff of all local governments and stakeholders,
20 along with state agencies and legislative and executive leadership; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association is committed to the mission of
22 promoting safe and responsible installation and is proactively involved in the formulation of
23 policy and legislation critical to the utility construction industry by addressing safety issues;
24 regulatory compliance; and, underground utility infrastructure needs within this state; and

25 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association continues to increase its influence
26 among stakeholders, policymakers and elected officials statewide; and

27 WHEREAS, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association will host its annual "Georgia Utility
28 Contractors Association Legislative Awareness Day" on February 3, 2026, in order to bring
29 awareness of the need for safety in the industry and resonate that message to members of the
30 Georgia General Assembly and to allow interaction with policymakers at the state level.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize February 3, 2026, as Georgia Utility Contractors Association Legislative
33 Awareness Day at the state capitol and commend the Georgia Utility Contractors Association
34 for its efforts in promoting safe and responsible installation of underground utilities in the
35 state of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia Utility
38 Contractors Association.