

## Senate Resolution 652

By: Senators Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Setzler of the 37th and Hodges of the 3rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 4, 2026, as Physician's Day at the state capitol and saluting the  
2 physicians of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the practice of medicine, and its embodiment in the clinical encounter between  
4 a patient and a physician, is fundamentally a moral activity that arises from the imperative  
5 to care for patients and to alleviate suffering; and

6 WHEREAS, the relationship between a patient and a physician is based on trust, which gives  
7 rise to physicians' ethical responsibility to place patients' welfare above the physician's own  
8 self-interest or obligations to others, to use sound medical judgment on patients' behalf, and  
9 to advocate for their patients' welfare; and

10 WHEREAS, as of 2023, there are 27,750 physicians in Georgia who are trusted leaders and  
11 have a positive and lasting impact on the health of their patients and the health of their  
12 community as a whole; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia legislature has helped foster one of the strongest practice  
14 environments in the country for both patients and physicians; and

15 WHEREAS, physicians have entered into their profession to offer services of care,  
16 prevention, and surgical intervention when necessary for the physical and mental well-being  
17 of their patients and are concerned with the overall well-being of the public's health; and

18 WHEREAS, this state recognizes the Medical Association of Georgia, and several specialty  
19 societies including the Medical Association of Atlanta, Hall County Medical Society,  
20 Medical Reserve Corps, Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists, Georgia Society of  
21 Ophthalmology, Georgia Radiological Society, Georgia Orthopedic Society, Georgia  
22 OBGYN Society, Georgia Chapter of the American College of Physicians, Georgia Chapter  
23 of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association, Georgia  
24 Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery, American College of Cardiology,  
25 Georgia Society of Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Georgia College of Emergency Physicians,  
26 Georgia Society on Interventional Pain Coverage, and Resurgens Orthopedics for their  
27 contributions.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 recognize February 4, 2026, as Physician's Day at the state capitol and saluting the physicians  
30 of Georgia.

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