

House Resolution 1252

By: Representative Mathiak of the 82<sup>nd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 5, 2026, as Cancer Prevention Day at the capitol and commending the  
2 collaborative efforts of Georgia's cancer prevention, screening, and advocacy partners; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, cancer remains one of the leading causes of death in Georgia and continues to  
5 place a significant health and economic burden on the state, impacting individuals, families,  
6 and communities in every region of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, many cancers can be prevented or detected early through evidence-based  
8 strategies including tobacco cessation, HPV vaccination, healthy nutrition and physical  
9 activity, sun safety, and timely cancer screening; and

10 WHEREAS, Cancer Prevention Day at the capitol provides an opportunity for policymakers  
11 to engage directly with community leaders, survivors, and experts working to reduce cancer  
12 risk and improve outcomes across Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives has established the Cancer Care Access  
14 Study Committee to examine barriers to cancer prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment,

15 workforce capacity, and survivorship support across Georgia, particularly in rural and  
16 underserved communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Cancer Prevention Day at the capitol is convened through the collaborative  
18 leadership of the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium, in partnership with the Georgia  
19 Department of Public Health, Georgia CORE, the Regional Cancer Coalitions of Georgia,  
20 and numerous health systems, advocacy organizations, and community partners across the  
21 state; and

22 WHEREAS, these partners work year-round to advance cancer prevention, promote  
23 screening and early detection, address disparities affecting rural and underserved  
24 communities, and support individuals across the cancer continuum from prevention through  
25 survivorship.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize February 5, 2026, as Cancer Prevention Day at the  
28 capitol and commend the organizations, advocates, and individuals working to prevent  
29 cancer and save lives in Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage all Georgians to  
31 learn about the work of the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium, engage in evidence-based  
32 preventive health practices that reduce cancer risk, and keep up to date with recommended  
33 cancer screening.

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.