

Senate Resolution 138

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Islam of the 7th, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st,
James of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 15, 2023, as Human Rights Day in the State of Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, March 15 commemorates the establishment of the United Nations Human
4 Rights Council, signifying a commitment to the furtherance of human rights worldwide;
5 therefore, it is appropriate that March 15, 2023, be considered Human Rights Day in the State
6 of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, human rights recognize the dignity and value of all citizens and are therefore
8 inherent to all human beings regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, and
9 religion; and

10 WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance to recognize and protect the basic freedoms
11 afforded to all citizens irrespective of socioeconomic class or status; and

12 WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has served as an epicenter for civil and human rights
13 throughout the State of Georgia and across the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, each of us are given daily the opportunity to promote and protect human rights,
15 knowing that in doing so we uplift the just and humane treatment of all persons; and

16 WHEREAS, much work remains in the securing of human rights, and yet we acknowledge
17 Georgia-based organizations that have assisted in the furtherance thereof, including the
18 Southern Center for Human Rights, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, The
19 Carter Center, the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, and the
20 Perfect Love Foundation, among others; and

21 WHEREAS, the convener of today, Taos Wynn, reminds us with his words that in the State
22 of Georgia as well as across the world that "everyone matters, everyone deserves respect, and
23 everyone can make a difference."

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize March 15, 2023, as Human Rights Day in the State of Georgia.

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