

## Senate Resolution 511

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Goodman of the 8th, Cowser of the 46th, Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 2024 as Georgia Wine Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, as a vital agricultural stronghold, the wine industry has deep historical roots in  
3 the State of Georgia, notably that the creation of wine was among the key objectives that the  
4 colony focused on when it was founded as a Trustee of the Crown in 1733; and
- 5 WHEREAS, today, the state's wine industry stands as a robust growth sector and economic  
6 contributor, generating more than \$5 billion from vineyard-related activities in 2022; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the broad impact of Georgia's wineries can be observed through the many  
8 national honors they have received, including the Best Wineries in America award and the  
9 Dahlonge Plateau's designation as an American Viticulture Area; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Georgia's wineries further serve as a major tourist attraction, representing nearly  
11 300,000 visits as well as close to \$84 million in contributed expenditures in 2022; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in addition to its economic impact, the Georgia wine industry also has a broad  
13 environmental impact and contributes to the diversity of Georgia Grown products and the  
14 overall agricultural economy; and

15 WHEREAS, in rural areas, winery growth has led to the reclamation of large tracts of land  
16 to be used for domestic farming and productive use; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding industry be appropriately  
18 honored during this special time.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 recognize March 2024 as Georgia Wine Month in honor of the wine industry's numerous  
21 beneficial impacts on this state.

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