

Senate Resolution 213

By: Senators James of the 28th, Rahman of the 5th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 19, 2025, as Certified Community Midwife Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, community midwives have long been recognized by their peers and the citizens
4 of this state for their major accomplishments and essential role as agents of public safety for
5 maternal and child health services; and

6 WHEREAS, the community midwife model serves as an example for maternal and child
7 health professionals in Georgia and across the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, these midwives have demonstrated best practices through countless hours
9 dedicated to their communities, providing accessibility, training, and service while
10 representing the diversity of midwifery in scope, skill level, culture, languages spoken,
11 religion, gender, and geography as well as creating educational programs, services, and
12 models of care that improve outcomes and reduce the risks of premature birth and infant and
13 maternal morbidity and mortality; and

14 WHEREAS, Certified Community Midwives are pillars of their communities, providing
15 alliance, access, and action; earning their titles and recognition through their outstanding

16 work in community midwifery; and receiving honorary certification by endorsement for their
17 years of dedicated service and unyielding compassion for humanity; and

18 WHEREAS, the hallmarks of community midwifery emphasize community-based
19 interpersonal relationships, health promotion with preventive care, health education,
20 continuity of care, early recognition of abnormalities, and skillful communication with
21 collaborative health care teams, including physicians, mid-level providers, and specialists;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, this nation has a centuries-old history of midwives providing conscientious care
24 to women in their communities, with evidence of better outcomes than physicians and
25 hospital providers for low-risk women; and

26 WHEREAS, throughout history, revered community-chosen midwives around the world
27 have provided essential care and support; and

28 WHEREAS, these midwives are known for their outstanding work in demonstrating how to
29 keep low-risk mothers and babies safe during the childbearing year.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Tomasina Oliver, UmmSalamaah Abdullah-Zaimah, Corrinna Edwards, Tomecas
32 Gibson, Nar Sandars, Chasity Millen, Jasmine Bradfield, Hadassah Bellot, Naticia Taylor,
33 Teri Boles, Morgan Vanbuul, Ayanna Garrick, Bethany Erby, Marsha Ford, Melissa Phillipe,
34 Erica Glass, Sarah Butler, Samantha Smith, Nicole Gaynor, Tahaira James, and the Doula
35 of the Divine midwife students for their unselfish dedication to childbearing people and their
36 families as well as for earning honorary community midwife certification and recognize
37 February 19, 2025, as Certified Community Midwife Day at the state capitol.

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