

Senate Resolution 286

By: Senators Still of the 48th, Jones of the 10th and Esteves of the 35th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 20, 2025, as Diwali Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Diwali (or Deepavali) is a time for thanksgiving and prayer for health,  
3 knowledge, and peace; it is celebrated by over 1 billion people, including millions of  
4 Americans and tens of thousands of Georgians, of different cultures and religions worldwide.  
5 Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains celebrate this important and ancient festival; and

6 WHEREAS, the festival lasts five days, with the third day marking the day celebrated as  
7 "Diwali"; and

8 WHEREAS, Diwali falls on the 15th of the Hindu lunisolar month of Kartik, which aligns  
9 with the new moon day of the first month of the lunar year; and

10 WHEREAS, Diwali is a festival that holds deep cultural, religious, and social significance,  
11 marking a time of renewal, reflection, and the triumph of positivity in the face of adversity.  
12 Diwali is known as a time for dana and seva—the giving of charity and selfless service to our  
13 fellow humans; and

14 WHEREAS, during Diwali, celebrants light small oil lamps, place them around the home,  
15 and pray for health, knowledge, and peace; Diwali serves as a reminder of the importance  
16 of compassion, generosity, and the pursuit of knowledge in building harmonious societies;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia has long been a place that welcomes, honors, and supports the diverse  
19 array of practices, beliefs, and traditions among its citizens.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize October 20, 2025, as Diwali Day.

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.