

## House Resolution 463

By: Representatives Baker of the 64<sup>th</sup>, Stinson of the 150<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Taylor of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March as Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, autoimmune diseases impact thousands of Georgians each year,  
4 disproportionately affecting women and people of color, but awareness and understanding  
5 of these diseases remains low; and

6 WHEREAS, recognizing autoimmune diseases during the month of March will help raise  
7 public awareness, encourage early detection and diagnosis, and support research and policy  
8 initiatives aimed at improving patient outcomes; and

9 WHEREAS, designating the month of March as Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month  
10 will demonstrate the State of Georgia's commitment to health equity and highlight its  
11 dedication to supporting Georgians facing these chronic, often invisible, illnesses.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
13 the members of this body:

14 (1) Designate March of each year as Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month in the State  
15 of Georgia;

16 (2) Encourage officials and departments of state, county, and municipal governments,  
17 businesses, and all citizens to participate in appropriate programs and activities that  
18 facilitate increased awareness and education about autoimmune diseases throughout each  
19 March to commemorate Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month; and

20 (3) Respectfully request the Governor to issue annually a proclamation recognizing  
21 March in the State of Georgia as Autoimmune Awareness Month and call upon the  
22 people in the State of Georgia to observe the month with appropriate programs and  
23 activities.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
26 Governor Brian Kemp and the public and the press.