

## Senate Resolution 641

By: Senators Parkes of the 7th, Jackson of the 41st, Parent of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Merritt of the 9th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 29, 2026, as Doula Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, doulas play an essential role in maternal and infant health outcomes across  
3 Georgia, particularly in addressing persistent disparities that disproportionately impact Black  
4 mothers and infants, families with disabilities, and communities with limited access to  
5 maternity care; and

6 WHEREAS, peer-reviewed research consistently demonstrates that doula support improves  
7 birth outcomes, reduces unnecessary medical interventions, and enhances patient autonomy  
8 and satisfaction; and

9 WHEREAS, since 2011, Georgia-based doulas, birth workers, and maternal health  
10 organizations, including long-standing training and service providers such as the Bellies to  
11 Babies Foundation, have contributed to measurable improvements in maternal care,  
12 reductions in cesarean section rates, and expanded access to culturally competent support;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, doula's work has been especially impactful in communities facing provider  
15 shortages, systemic bias, and rural maternity care gaps; and

16 WHEREAS, recognizing Doula Day at the capitol provides an opportunity for legislators,  
17 advocates, and community members to honor these contributions, elevate evidence-based  
18 solutions to Georgia's maternal health challenges, and reaffirm the General Assembly's  
19 commitment to improving outcomes for families statewide.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize January 29, 2026, as Doula Day at the capitol.

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.