

## House Resolution 1156

By: Representatives Baker of the 64<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Stinson of the 150<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing January as National Birth Defects Prevention Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, birth defects are structural or functional abnormalities present at birth that can  
3 affect health, development, or survival; and
- 4 WHEREAS, birth defects affect approximately one in every 33 births in the United States  
5 and are a leading cause of infant illness, disability, and mortality; and
- 6 WHEREAS, many birth defects can be prevented or their impact reduced through education,  
7 preventive care, and access to healthcare services; and
- 8 WHEREAS, National Birth Defects Prevention Month, observed annually in January,  
9 promotes awareness of steps individuals can take before and during pregnancy to support  
10 healthy outcomes; and
- 11 WHEREAS, increased awareness strengthens prevention efforts and improves the health of  
12 mothers and infants across Georgia.

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

15 (1) Recognize the month of January of each year as National Birth Defects Prevention  
16 Month;

17 (2) Encourage continued education, awareness, and collaboration to reduce the incidence  
18 of preventable birth defects; and

19 (3) Respectfully request the Governor to issue annually a proclamation recognizing the  
20 month of January in the State of Georgia as National Birth Defects Prevention Month and  
21 call upon the people in the State of Georgia to observe the month with appropriate  
22 programs and activities.

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