

House Resolution 1471

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Franklin of the 160th, Cooper of the 45th, Hugley of the 141st, and Cannon of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing July 27-Aug 2, 2026, as Fertility Awareness Week; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, having a family and nurturing the next generation is a profound human
3 experience that connects us to each other and ensures our communities are able to thrive; and
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5 WHEREAS, increasingly, Georgians are struggling with infertility, which is a recognized
6 condition affecting a substantial portion of the adult population; and

7 WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 6 people experience infertility during their lifetime, a
8 prevalence that spans all income levels and regions; and

9 WHEREAS, in the United States, approximately 12 percent of women and 9 percent of men
10 are infertile; these figures likely underrepresent the affected population while underscoring
11 that the condition affects individuals and couples across all demographics and relationship
12 structures; and

13 WHEREAS, the need for fertility care to build one's family arises from diverse factors and
14 impacts individuals; and

15 WHEREAS, infertility disproportionately affects some communities, for example, Black
16 women in the United States are nearly twice as likely to experience infertility as
17 non-Hispanic white women, and people with disabilities experience higher rates of infertility,
18 often due to underlying medical conditions, medications, or prior medical interventions; and

19 WHEREAS, the majority of infertility cases respond to evidence-based medical treatment;
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21 WHEREAS, assisted reproductive technologies, including in vitro fertilization (IVF), are
22 safe and effective; and

23 WHEREAS, fertility preservation techniques, such as gamete or tissue cryopreservation, are
24 recommended for individuals at risk of infertility; and

25 WHEREAS, medical associations like the American College of Obstetricians and
26 Gynecologists (ACOG) recommend timely referral for fertility preservation when medical
27 treatment may affect future reproductive health; and

28 WHEREAS, lack of information about one's own fertility and fertility health care options
29 pose a barrier to family building for Georgians; and

30 WHEREAS, the state of Georgia unanimously passed HB 428, in 2025, establishing that
31 nothing under the law prohibits or prevents an individual from obtaining IVF in the state and
32 recognizing that IVF is a safe, effective, and legal way to make the dream of having children
33 possible for the many Georgians struggling to have children.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize July 27-Aug 2, 2026, as Fertility Awareness Week.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 public and the press.