

Senate Resolution 916

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 9, 2026, as Skin Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, melanoma and other skin cancers are one of the most preventable, yet fatal,
4 forms of cancer, accounting for more than 50 percent of all cancers combined, including
5 breast, lung, and prostate cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, one American dies of melanoma every 67 minutes, and the estimated total
7 direct annual cost of melanoma treatment exceeds \$290 million; and

8 WHEREAS, it is reported that of the one million newly diagnosed cases of melanoma and
9 other skin cancers each year, an estimated 10,710 people will die; and

10 WHEREAS, the objectives of the Georgia Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic
11 Surgery are to promote the highest possible standards of clinical practice, education, and
12 research in dermatologic medicine and surgery and related disciplines; to promote the public
13 interest relating to dermatology; to advocate on behalf of dermatology and high-quality
14 patient care; and to provide a forum for the discussion of medical and practice related
15 problems; and

16 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Dermatological Association is an association of dermatologists
17 practicing in the greater Atlanta area, dedicated to promoting the highest possible standards
18 of clinical practice, education, and research in dermatologic medicine, surgery, and related
19 disciplines while promoting the public interest relating to dermatology and providing a forum
20 for the discussion of medical and practice related problems; and

21 WHEREAS, the mission of the Skin Cancer Awareness Network Foundation is to create
22 public awareness of the dangers of excessive or unprotected direct exposure to the sun or
23 both and to educate people about preventive safety measures to avoid or lessen the chances
24 of developing melanoma or one of the other preventable skin cancers; and

25 WHEREAS, it is necessary to encourage public awareness of the dangers of excessive or
26 unprotected direct exposure to the sun and to educate people about preventive safety
27 measures to avoid or lessen the chances of developing melanoma or one of the other
28 preventable skin cancers while still being able to safely enjoy outdoor activities.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 encourage all Georgians to have a greater awareness of the risks of skin cancer and the need
31 for early diagnosis of skin cancer and recognize March 9, 2026, as Skin Cancer Awareness
32 Day at the state capitol.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Society
35 of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery, the Atlanta Dermatological Association, and the
36 Skin Cancer Awareness Network Foundation.