

Senate Resolution 1023

By: Senator Mangham of the 55th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 25, 2026, as Atlanta Earth Day and Women's Celebration at the Capitol  
2 Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia communities increasingly face rising temperatures and the urban heat  
4 island effect, resulting in higher rates of heat stress and heat-related mortality; and

5 WHEREAS, these risks disproportionately impact vulnerable groups, including older  
6 women, pregnant women, unaccompanied female adults, outdoor workers, female farm  
7 workers, warehouse workers, and disabled and low income community members with limited  
8 access to cooling or transportation; and

9 WHEREAS, heat-related illness and death can be significantly reduced through greater  
10 public understanding of heat risks, effective preparedness, and coordinated community  
11 planning; and

12 WHEREAS, the cities and counties of the State of Georgia currently lack Heat Action Plans  
13 or designated Chief Heat Officers to lead heat prevention, response, and adaptation  
14 strategies; and

15 WHEREAS, expanding risk literacy in public spaces such as libraries and government  
16 institutions, and through government-supported media partners, is essential to helping the  
17 public recognize and respond to heat hazards, thereby protecting lives and strengthening  
18 community heat resilience; and

19 WHEREAS, Hugi Hernandez and the Egreenews team have created hundreds of educational  
20 videos using generative AI that enhance risk literacy and empower residents to make  
21 informed decisions during extreme heat events; and

22 WHEREAS, Atlanta Earth Day and Women's Celebration at the Capitol Day bring together  
23 elected officials, students, and the business community, including climate tech professionals,  
24 disaster remediation, and disability and gender diversity leaders, to highlight the need for a  
25 statewide Heat Action Plan for Georgia and to advance public risk awareness initiatives; and

26 WHEREAS, Georgia influencers and partners—including Evan Robert Brown, Dr. Cynthia  
27 Harper, Rebecca Knight-Duffy, Dr. Jasmine Clark, Kyle Dickson, Professor Angelia  
28 Pressley, the Apex Museum, Zero Hour LLC, the Latinos in Information Technology  
29 Association, and EdisasterX—play a vital role in promoting risk literacy and supporting the  
30 creation of an ongoing Heat Action Plan for the state.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize March 25, 2026, as Atlanta Earth Day and Women's Celebration at the Capitol Day  
33 and commend Hugi Hernandez, the founder of Egreenews, and their friends and partners for  
34 promoting risk literacy and supporting the creation of a Heat Action Plan for the people of  
35 Georgia.

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