

House Resolution 1282

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Holland of the 54th, Burnough of the 77th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 2024 as Blood Clot Awareness Month in the State of Georgia; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is the custom of this legislative body to help increase awareness of serious
4 health conditions that affect the lives of citizens of the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions,
6 this legislative body is justly proud to recognize this month in conjunction with the
7 observance of National Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Awareness Month;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, blood clots are a major health threat in the State of Georgia and around the
10 country; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has designated March as Blood Clot Awareness
12 Month; and

13 WHEREAS, according to the National Blood Clot Alliance, someone is diagnosed with a
14 blood clot every minute and a blood clot kills someone every six minutes, resulting in
15 100,000 deaths each year; and

16 WHEREAS, blood clots do not discriminate by age, gender, ethnicity, or race; they affect
17 people from all walks of life, including infants, young children, teenagers, people in middle
18 age, and senior citizens across the State of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, blood clots are a leading cause of death of new mothers in childbirth; and

20 WHEREAS, blood clots affect people being treated for cancer and other chronic diseases as
21 well as people undergoing joint replacement surgery and other surgical procedures; and

22 WHEREAS, blood clots can be triggered by a genetic predisposition or by lengthy
23 immobility, and they can affect the more than five million Americans with heartbeat
24 problems, which places them at heightened risk of a clot in the heart that can travel to the
25 brain and cause stroke and death; and

26 WHEREAS, blood clots are the leading cause of unnecessary hospital re-admissions,
27 representing an estimated cost of more than \$10 billion of the \$16 billion expended in the
28 treatment of blood clots at hospitals nation-wide; and

29 WHEREAS, many of the risks for life-threatening blood clots increase as people age, and so
30 too will the public health challenge; and

31 WHEREAS, fortunately, many blood clots can be prevented, but when they do occur, poor
32 outcomes including death, disease, and recurrence can be preventable with early and accurate
33 diagnosis and management; and

34 WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious health condition,
35 and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize March 2024 as Blood Clot Awareness Month in the State
38 of Georgia.

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