

House Resolution 1367

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th, Smith of the 70th, England of the 116th, McCall of the 33rd, Harden of the 148th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals and the National
2 Groundwater Association and recognizing March 11-17, 2018, as National Groundwater
3 Awareness Week; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, established in 1999, the purpose of National Groundwater Awareness Week is
5 to provide an opportunity for people to learn about the importance of this vital resource and
6 how it impacts daily lives; and

7 WHEREAS, groundwater is used for irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining,
8 thermoelectric power, and several other purposes, making groundwater one of the most
9 widely used and valuable resources, thus bringing attention to the contamination of this
10 critical natural resource as a topic of global importance; and

11 WHEREAS, approximately 132 million Americans rely on groundwater for drinking water,
12 and Americans use 79.6 billion gallons of groundwater each day; and

13 WHEREAS, groundwater is 20 to 30 times larger than all the United States lakes, streams,
14 and rivers combined; and

15 WHEREAS, more than 13.2 million households have their own well, representing 34 million
16 people; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2018 theme of "Tend. Test. Treat." was established to encourage a more
18 holistic approach to sustain an adequate supply of quality groundwater; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals and the National
20 Groundwater Association encourage every person to be a "groundwater advocate" both
21 during National Groundwater Awareness Week and beyond by protecting and conserving
22 groundwater; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals and the National
24 Groundwater Association are proud to be a part of this year's National Groundwater
25 Awareness Week, and want to spread the important message that protecting this precious
26 natural resource is crucial to the world's population.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend the Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals
29 and the National Groundwater Association for their efforts to promote clean groundwater and
30 protect the lives of Georgians and citizens everywhere and recognize March 11-17, 2018, as
31 National Groundwater Awareness Week.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 Georgia Association of Groundwater Professionals and the National Groundwater
35 Association.