

Senate Resolution 47

By: Senators Watson of the 1st, Setzler of the 37th, Hickman of the 4th, Mangham of the 55th, Walker III of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 5, 2025, as Physician's Day at the state capitol and saluting the
2 physicians of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the practice of medicine, embodied in the clinical encounter between a patient
4 and a physician, is fundamentally a moral activity arising from the imperative to care for
5 patients and alleviate suffering; and

6 WHEREAS, the relationship between a patient and a physician is based on trust, giving rise
7 to physicians' ethical responsibility to place patients' welfare above their own self-interest
8 or obligations to others, to use sound medical judgment on behalf of their patients, and to
9 advocate for their patients' welfare; and

10 WHEREAS, as of 2023, there are 27,750 physicians in Georgia who are trusted leaders with
11 a positive and lasting impact on the health of their patients and the overall well-being of their
12 communities; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia legislature has fostered one of the strongest practice environments
14 in the country for both patients and physicians; and

15 WHEREAS, physicians enter their profession to offer services of care, prevention, and
16 surgical intervention when necessary for the physical and mental well-being of their patients
17 and are deeply concerned with the public's overall health; and

18 WHEREAS, this state recognizes the Medical Association of Georgia along with several
19 specialty societies, including the Medical Association of Atlanta, Hall County Medical
20 Society, Medical Reserve Corps, Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists, Georgia Society of
21 Ophthalmology, Georgia Radiological Society, Georgia Orthopaedic Society, Georgia
22 OBGYN Society, Georgia Chapter of the American College of Physicians, Georgia Chapter
23 of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association, Georgia
24 Medical Directors Association, Georgia Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery,
25 American College of Cardiology, Georgia Society of Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Georgia
26 College of Emergency Physicians, Georgia Society on Interventional Pain Coverage, and
27 Resurgens Orthopaedics, for their invaluable contributions.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in recognizing February 5, 2025, as Physician's Day at the state capitol and saluting the
30 physicians of Georgia.

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