

Senate Resolution 634

By: Senators Watson of the 1st and Payne of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 28, 2020, as Georgia's Addiction Recovery Awareness Day at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, substance use disorders and mental illness affects millions of individuals of all
4 ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds as well as their families, friends, and communities; and

5 WHEREAS, more than 25 million Americans are building a life in recovery with 800,000
6 people in recovery from substance use disorders and mental illness across Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, recovery changes and saves lives, restores families, strengthens communities,
8 builds a stronger workforce, and makes Georgia a safer and healthier state; and

9 WHEREAS, the most important voice in the recovery process is the voice of the recovery
10 community; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's mental health and substance use disorder recovery organizations
12 continue to educate the public and policy makers about the need for access to prevention,
13 treatment, and peer-based recovery support services; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia's Addiction Recovery Awareness Day is designed to encourage us all
15 that freedom from mental illness and substance use disorders is available and possible, and
16 to remind all Georgians that there are many pathways to recovery, that strong communities
17 make for strong recovery, that recovery is good business, and that RECOVERY IS REAL.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize January 28, 2020, as Georgia's Addiction Recovery Awareness Day at the state
20 capitol.

- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available to the public and the press.