

House Resolution 1286

By: Representatives Newton of the 123rd, Petrea of the 166th, Dempsey of the 13th, Silcox of the 52nd, and Hawkins of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 5, 2020, as Public Health Day at the state capitol and commending the
2 efforts of the Department of Public Health and district health directors for their past, present,
3 and future work on behalf of Georgia's citizens; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Public Health is the lead agency in preventing
5 disease, injury, and disability; promoting health and well-being; and preparing for and
6 responding to disasters from a health perspective; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2011, the General Assembly restored the Department of Public Health to its
8 own state agency after more than 30 years of consolidation with other departments; and

9 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health functions at the local level through 18 health
10 districts to provide public health services and programs in all 159 counties and local health
11 departments throughout Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health exists to protect the lives of all Georgians; and

13 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health's main programs include health promotion and
14 disease prevention, immunization, maternal and child health, infectious disease,
15 epidemiology, emergency preparedness and response, emergency medical services, volunteer
16 health care, vital records, and the Georgia Public Health Laboratory; and

17 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health runs the Georgia Healthy Homes and Lead
18 Poisoning Prevention program with the mission of eliminating childhood lead poisoning in
19 Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, representatives from the public health districts from around the state will be at
21 the capitol on February 5, 2020, to raise awareness among legislators about the important
22 role public health plays in protecting the health of all Georgians.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize February 5, 2020, as Public Health Day at the state
25 capitol and commend the efforts of the Department of Public Health and district health
26 directors for their past, present, and future work on behalf of Georgia's citizens.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 Georgia Department of Public Health.