

House Resolution 1447

By: Representatives Moore of the 95th, Park of the 101st, McLaurin of the 51st, Hutchinson of the 107th, McLeod of the 105th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 10, 2020, as Public Library Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are 408 public library facilities that serve every county in the State of
4 Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, there were more than 26 million in-person visits and more than 41.7 million
6 online visits in 2019 to Georgia public libraries; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2019, there were more than 36 million books, media, and materials checked
8 out of public libraries, with an average of 98,600 materials checked out every day; and

9 WHEREAS, 2.5 million individuals attended library programs across the state in 2019; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia's public libraries partner with Zoo Atlanta, the Atlanta Braves, the
11 Atlanta Hawks, Georgia State Parks, the Michael C. Carlos Museum, and the Center for
12 Puppetry Arts to provide free programming and fun to Georgia citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, the B4 Early Literacy Initiative encourages children to read 1,000 books before
14 kindergarten and has had tremendous success and participation throughout all of Georgia and
15 further encourages families to engage with their children's early learning.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body recognize March 10, 2020, as Public Library Day at the state
18 capitol and support and encourage all Georgians to utilize this state's public library resources.

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