

House Resolution 1696

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March, 2018, as Endometriosis Awareness Month at the state capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, endometriosis is a disease of the female reproductive system, which occurs  
4 when tissue similar to that normally found in the uterus begins to grow outside of the uterus,  
5 leading to chronic, debilitating pelvic pain; and

6 WHEREAS, endometriosis is a leading cause of female infertility and affects one in ten  
7 women of childbearing age in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, there is an average of a ten year delay from the onset of symptoms to the final  
9 diagnosis of endometriosis; and

10 WHEREAS, endometriosis patients in the United States were hospitalized 105,123 days in  
11 2010 as a result of their disease; and

12 WHEREAS, women with endometriosis can lose 11 hours of work per week through lost  
13 productivity and absenteeism due to pain; and

14 WHEREAS, 51 percent of endometriosis patients report that their disease detrimentally  
15 affects their job; and

16 WHEREAS, the estimated total, annual societal cost of endometriosis-related symptoms in  
17 the United States is \$56 billion, or \$10,824.00 per patient; and

18 WHEREAS, traditionally, providers have focused on managing the associated pain through  
19 the use of oral contraceptives, progestins, danazol, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs  
20 (NSAIDs), opioids, and GnRH agonists, many of which are not specifically indicated for the  
21 treatment of endometriosis; and

22 WHEREAS, in more extensive cases, surgical interventions such as laparotomy or  
23 laparoscopy are often pursued, but may not be successful for all individuals; and

24 WHEREAS, there is no cure for endometriosis, and more research is needed to find  
25 additional treatment options to manage this debilitating disease; and

26 WHEREAS, education is important for promoting awareness of symptoms and early  
27 detection and diagnosis of endometriosis, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that attention  
28 be brought to the profound impact that this condition has on women within Georgia and the  
29 United States as a whole.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize March, 2018, as Endometriosis Awareness Month at the  
32 state capitol.

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