

House Resolution 974

By: Representatives Moore of the 95th, Marin of the 96th, Park of the 101st, McLaurin of the 51st, Clark of the 108th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 10, 2022, as Public Library Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are 407 public libraries that serve every county in the State of Georgia;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, there were more than 7.9 million in-person visits and more than 21 million
6 online visits in 2021 to Georgia public libraries; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2021, there were 28.9 million books, media, and other materials checked out
8 of public libraries, with an average of 79,000 materials checked out every day; and

9 WHEREAS, 1.4 million children attended public reading times both in libraries and online
10 across the state in 2021; and

11 WHEREAS, the public utilized WiFi and computers in library buildings and their parking
12 lots for over 6 million sessions in 2021; and

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

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize March 10, 2022, as Public Library Day at the state
21 capitol.

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