

Senate Bill 207

By: Senators James of the 35th, Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Rhett of the 33rd,
Seay of the 34th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observances, so as to designate a week in this state as a "Week of Nonviolence";
3 to provide for the recognition of such week in remembrance of the April 4, 1968,
4 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to commemorate his global legacy of
5 nonviolence; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
9 observances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "1-4-24.

11 (a) The week of the first Monday in April of each year is designated a 'Week of
12 Nonviolence' in Georgia.

13 (b) The purpose of the week provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be
14 to encourage nonviolence education, peace building initiatives, and other acts and efforts
15 aimed at furthering the creation of what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., termed 'the Beloved
16 Community.' The Governor shall provide for the recognition of the week and shall consult

17 with the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change on the scope and
18 form of such recognition, including, but not limited to, declarations, activities, or programs
19 commemorating the week. The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social
20 Change may collaborate with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Advisory Council in its work
21 under this Code section."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.