

Senate Resolution 119

By: Senator Burke of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 31, 2017, as Skin Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, melanoma and other skin cancers are one of the most preventable, yet fatal,
4 forms of cancer, accounting for more than 50 percent of all cancers combined, including
5 breast, lung, and prostate cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, one American dies of melanoma every 67 minutes, and the estimated total
7 direct annual cost of melanoma treatment exceeds \$290 million; and

8 WHEREAS, it is reported that of the one million newly diagnosed cases of melanoma and
9 other skin cancers each year, an estimated 10,710 people will die; and

10 WHEREAS, the objectives of the Georgia Society of Dermatologists are to promote the
11 highest possible standards of clinical practice, education, and research in dermatologic
12 medicine and surgery and related disciplines; to promote the public interest relating to
13 dermatology; to advocate on behalf of dermatology and high-quality patient care; and to
14 provide a forum for the discussion of medical and practice related problems; and

15 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Dermatological Association is an association of dermatologists
16 practicing in the greater Atlanta area, dedicated to promoting the highest possible standards
17 of clinical practice, education, and research in dermatologic medicine, surgery, and related
18 disciplines while promoting the public interest relating to dermatology and providing a forum
19 for the discussion of medical and practice related problems; and

20 WHEREAS, the mission of the Skin Cancer Awareness Network Foundation is to create
21 public awareness of the dangers of excessive or unprotected direct exposure to the sun or
22 both and to educate people about preventive safety measures to avoid or lessen the chances
23 of developing melanoma or one of the other preventable skin cancers; and

24 WHEREAS, it is necessary to encourage public awareness of the dangers of excessive or
25 unprotected direct exposure to the sun and to educate people about preventive safety
26 measures to avoid or lessen the chances of developing melanoma or one of the other
27 preventable skin cancers while still being able to safely enjoy outdoor activities.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 encourage all Georgians to have a greater awareness of the risks of skin cancer and the need
30 for early diagnosis of skin cancer and recognize January 31, 2017, as Skin Cancer Awareness
31 Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Society
34 of Dermatologists, the Atlanta Dermatological Association, and the Skin Cancer Awareness
35 Network Foundation.