

## Senate Resolution 22

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jordan of the 6th, Jackson of the 2nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children (MAAC) began in 1996 when a group  
4 of nonprofit agencies serving at-risk children gathered and founded what is now known as  
5 the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children, a collaborative nonprofit entity; and

6 WHEREAS, MAAC's current provider member entities are Creative Community Services  
7 Inc., Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia, Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and  
8 Family Ministries Inc., Georgia Elks Aidmore Children's Center, Goshen Valley, Hillside  
9 Inc., The Methodist Homes, Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, and Youth Villages;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, MAAC's focus is on high-end children and youth as well as helping those  
12 children and youth who have experienced foster care in the State of Georgia overcome their  
13 unique challenges and find success; and

14 WHEREAS, each of MAAC's member entities and affiliates serving youth across Georgia  
15 utilize national best practices and have accreditation from a national accreditation body; and

16 WHEREAS, MAAC works toward ending duplication of services and uses a seamless  
17 continuum of services and care to address all of the needs of the child, adolescent, and  
18 family, including behavioral health services and services that are trauma responsive and  
19 reflective of adolescent brain development, individualizing treatment and care as well as  
20 reducing the number of placements of children and youth in various out-of-home care  
21 settings; and

22 WHEREAS, MAAC focuses its work on filling service gaps, building innovative solutions  
23 within the child welfare system, collaborating with partner agencies, and focusing on  
24 providing care coordination and other services that emphasize youth voice and choice; and

25 WHEREAS, MAAC provides a variety of services to these children, adolescents, and  
26 families including residential care through its child care institutions, crisis continuum,  
27 specialized family foster care through child-placing agencies, group homes,  
28 community-based high fidelity wraparound, education success support, life skills training,  
29 financial literacy, and intensive psychiatric care; and

30 WHEREAS, MAAC serves as the lead agency in Georgia for the Jim Casey Youth  
31 Opportunities Initiative and oversees Georgia EmpowerMENT, the youth-led advocacy and  
32 leadership group that is motivated by improving the foster care system; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
34 distinguished organization, including the member entities and affiliates, be appropriately  
35 recognized for the care they provide to Georgians.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
37 recognize and commend the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children and its member entities and

38 affiliates for their tireless, efficient, effective, and dedicated service to the children,  
39 adolescents, and families of this state.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Multi-Agency  
42 Alliance for Children.