

## Senate Resolution 552

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 24th, Strickland of the 17th, Robertson of the 29th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7, 2024, as Stand With Survivors Day at the state capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a public safety and public health crisis affecting urban,  
4 suburban, rural, and tribal communities in the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault are experienced by individuals of all  
6 backgrounds and can occur across the life course; and

7 WHEREAS, over their lifetime, one in five women and one in seven men experience  
8 intimate partner violence; and

9 WHEREAS, one in five children are exposed to domestic violence; and

10 WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault can have a profound impact on lifelong  
11 health, opportunity, and well-being; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's domestic violence shelters and culturally specific community-based  
13 programs served more than 56,000 victims in Fiscal Year 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, in Georgia, there were more than 193 known domestic violence fatalities in  
15 2022, and there has been a 42 percent increase in domestic violence fatalities from  
16 2012-2022; and

17 WHEREAS, between 2018-2022, there were 171,789 known domestic violence fatalities in  
18 the State of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia currently ranks fourth in the nation for murder-suicide incidents and;  
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21 WHEREAS, domestic violence programs and sexual assault centers provide counseling, legal  
22 advocacy, transitional housing, shelter, children's advocacy, and crisis intervention; and

23 WHEREAS, the value of connecting victims to advocates and services is only as helpful as  
24 those services are available; and

25 WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault are preventable; and

26 WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of the many professionals and volunteers who make it their  
27 mission to aid and serve those whose lives are impacted by family and intimate partner  
28 violence by offering protection, guidance, encouragement, and compassion to survivors of  
29 domestic violence and sexual assault across this great state are hereby commended with  
30 much gratitude.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize February 7, 2024, as Stand With Survivors Day at the state capitol.

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