

## Senate Resolution 653

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Brass of the 28th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 5, 2020, as Public Health Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Public Health is the lead agency in preventing  
4 disease, injury, and disability; promoting health and well-being; and preparing for and  
5 responding to disasters from a health perspective; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2011, the General Assembly restored the Department of Public Health to its  
7 own state agency after more than 30 years of consolidation with other departments; and

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health functions at the local level through 18 health  
9 districts to provide public health services and programs in all 159 counties and local health  
10 departments throughout Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health exists to protect the lives of all Georgians; and

12 WHEREAS, the department's main programs include health promotion and disease  
13 prevention, immunization, maternal and child health, infectious disease, epidemiology,  
14 emergency preparedness and response, emergency medical services, volunteer healthcare,  
15 vital records, and the state public health laboratory; and

16 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health runs the Georgia Healthy Homes and Lead  
17 Poisoning Prevention program with the mission of eliminating childhood lead poisoning in  
18 Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, representatives from the public health districts from around the state will be at  
20 the capitol on February 5, 2020, to raise awareness among legislators about the important  
21 role public health pays in protecting the health of all Georgians.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 recognize the efforts of the Department of Public Health and district health directors for their  
24 past, present, and future work on behalf of Georgia's citizens and recognize February 5, 2020,  
25 as Public Health Day at the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia  
28 Department of Public Health.