



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

File ID: 2025-1296

Substitute

Public Hearing: YES ☐ NO ☒

Department: Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): District 1

A Resolution in Observation of Constitution Day in Dekalb County, Georgia and Honoring The Formation and Signing of The United States Constitution on September 17, 1787, and Celebrating the Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship.

Information Contact: Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

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PURPOSE:

To pass the revised resolution;

NEED/IMPACT:

To reaffirm DeKalb County's commitment to the constitution;

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.....

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION IN OBSERVATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY IN DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA AND HONORING THE FORMATION AND SIGNING OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1787 AND CELEBRATING THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP

WHEREAS, on September 17th of every year DeKalb County is committed to acknowledge and celebrate Constitution Day including Citizenship Day as part of Constitution Week, which is celebrated between September 17th – 23rd; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration honors the signing of the United States Constitution, on September 17, 1787, where the thirty-nine courageous Founding Fathers signed the most influential document in American history and formed the inalienable rights of American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution, along with the Bill of Rights, established the framework of our government and the rights and freedoms that form the foundational principals of the United States; and

WHEREAS, every American shares in this legacy of a never-ending pursuit and defense of liberty; and

WHEREAS, citizenship inherently includes the responsibility to respect and defend the vision of our Founding Fathers as well as participate in the ever evolving and unfolding story of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to pursue their liberties, freedoms and inalienable rights; and

WHEREAS, Constitution Day each year serves as a solemn reminder of the privileges and responsibilities of United States citizenship

WHEREAS, this day has traditionally given others the opportunity to learn about the Constitution, its history, and its role in shaping American society; and

WHEREAS, each year DeKalb celebrates Constitution Week by celebrating the connection between the Constitution and Citizenship, reflecting on what it means to be a citizen of the United States, including those who are Americans by choice; and

WHEREAS, for 238 years, the Constitution has served as the supreme law of the land and not only establishes the rule of law, but also creates the framework for an immigration system that enables immigrants to become citizens; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Governing Authority, declares, honors, and commemorates the signing of the United States Constitution and the privileges and freedoms of American Citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Authority urges all people of DeKalb County, Georgia to pause on September 17th, to acknowledge the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution, dated 1787, which is the foundation of the entire government and legal system and marks the freedoms and rights that the United States strives to provide to all citizens today; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we, the Governing Authority, on behalf of all citizens of DeKalb County, Georgia, pledge to continue the never-ending pursuit of all of the freedoms memorialized in the United States Constitution, including liberty and justice for all.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Governing Authority, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

MICHELLE LONG SPEARS, District 2
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
Clerk to the Chief Executive Officer and
Board of Commissioners.

William “Bill” J. Linkous, III
County Attorney