

**RESOLUTION****A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY,  
GEORGIA REQUESTING STATE ANNUAL FUNDING FOR  
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM (MARTA)**

**WHEREAS**, The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act (MARTA) was passed in 1965 for a five-county bus and rail system; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA's current system of rail lines was completed in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA has a \$1.3 billion dollar budget with an operating budget of \$557.1 million, and a capital expenditure budget is \$749.2 million; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest public transportation system in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA is funded by a one-cent sales tax collected from Clayton, DeKalb, and Fulton counties; and a 1.5 cents levy in the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA is also funded by fares collected, CARES, ARP, and other federal funding sources to bridge funding gaps; and

**WHEREAS**, Since the formation of the MARTA System, it has not received any state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA is the largest mass transportation system in the United States not to receive state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb Governing Authority believes MARTA has a need to have a more equitable and robust transit system in underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA has unmet capital improvements that match transportation needs of underserved communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNING AUTHORITY, IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The DEKALB COUNTY Chief Executive Officer or designee deliver a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Georgia General Assembly representing DeKalb; and
2. That the Georgia General Assembly should amend existing state laws to provide impactful annual state funding for the MARTA System; and
3. That the Governor of the State of Georgia should sign and approve such funding and legislation.

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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**ROBERT J. PATRICK**  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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**MICHAEL L. THURMOND**  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC**  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

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**VIVIANE H. ERNSTES**  
County Attorney