

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY,  
GEORGIA TO PROVIDE ANNUAL FUNDING TO  
DEKALB PRO BONO**

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb Pro Bono, was officially incorporated on June 1, 1982, and founded under its original name as the DeKalb Volunteer Lawyers Association; and

**WHEREAS**, The organization provides legal support and representation to low-income residents in DeKalb County who make 3 times the poverty level and cannot afford a lawyer; and

**WHEREAS**, Since its incorporation, DeKalb Pro Bono has assisted over 12,000 clients with their civil legal matters; and

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb Pro Bono relies on a network of over 1000 volunteer lawyers give their time and resources to assist DeKalb residents in many areas, including evictions, landlord/tenant, domestic violence, child custody and support, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb Pro Bono operates legal clinics that include Family Law, Debt, Probate, Temporary Protective Orders, Guardian Ad Litem and others to connect DeKalb citizens to lawyers for legal assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, With the increase in the number cases and clients seeking legal help, it is imperative to mitigate resources for DeKalb Pro Bono to continue to operate and assist low-income residents living in DeKalb County; and

**WHEREAS**, Current funding levels do not enable DeKalb Pro Bono to meet the current needs for services provided to DeKalb County residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, that the Governing Authority will:

1. Establish an annual appropriation to DeKalb Pro Bono with the amount to be determined in the County's yearly operating budget, beginning fiscal year 2024, to provide legal assistance to DeKalb County residents. Funding will enable DeKalb Pro Bono to meet the demand for increased services, staffing, and fixed costs.
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County to execute all necessary documents for such purposes.

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2023.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

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**BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC**  
County Clerk  
Board of Commissioners and  
Chief Executive Officer

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**ZACHARY L. WILLIAMS**  
Chief Operating Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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**VIVIANE H. ERNSTES**  
County Attorney

DeKalb County, Georgia