

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING DEKALB COUNTY TO BE AN IMMIGRANT-FRIENDLY, WELCOMING COUNTY, SUPPORTING THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WELCOMING CITIES AND COUNTIES NETWORK AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SAID NETWORK.

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances DeKalb County's cultural fabric, economic growth, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for current and future generations;

WHEREAS, DeKalb County has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place where people, families and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is committed to continue building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all people, including immigrants, are welcome, accepted and integrated; and

WHEREAS, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between long-time residents and foreign-born community members are crucial to ensuring a welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County encourages the business leadership, civic groups, other government agencies and community institutions and residents to join in a community-wide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents, and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of DeKalb County desires to declare DeKalb County as a Welcoming Community in support of and participation in the Welcoming Cities and Counties Network,

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

DeKalb County is an immigrant-friendly, welcoming County, and announces its support of the County's participation in the Welcoming Cities and Counties Network, and

The County's Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents to participate in said project.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this _____ day of _____ 2018.

Jeff Rader
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

Barbara Sanders-Norwood, CCC
Clerk, Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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