

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEKALB COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE  
ACCG - INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL  
MEDICAL, ACCIDENT, AND DISABILITY FUND:  
FIRST RESPONDER PTSD PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Article 9, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of Georgia authorizes counties and other political subdivisions to contract with each other for activities which the contracting parties are authorized by law to undertake; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated authorizes counties to execute intergovernmental contracts to form, and become members of, an interlocal risk management agency for the purpose of sharing the risks of accident, disability, supplemental medical, general liability, motor vehicle liability, property damage, or any combination of such risks with those of other counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, counties in Georgia need a stable method for managing their risks to avoid the unpredictable and cyclical nature of the commercial insurance market; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, Georgia counties have created an intergovernmental risk management agency so that the Georgia counties may insure and/or self-insure their risks; and,

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County is an existing member of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia – Interlocal Risk Management Agency (hereafter referred to as ACCG–IRMA), an interlocal risk management agency formed pursuant to Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and previously has entered into an intergovernmental contract for the purpose of joining ACCG-IRMA and participating in the ACCG-IRMA first Supplemental Medical, Accident and Disability Fund known as the Firefighters' Cancer Benefit Program (the "Fund"); and,

**WHEREAS**, ACCG-IRMA has also established a second Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund known as the First Responder PTSD Program for the purpose of

protecting against certain other liabilities imposed upon Georgia counties by state law; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of DeKalb County finds that it is in the best interest of its citizens to participate in this second ACCG-IRMA Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund (the First Responder PTSD Program).

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia:

### **SECTION 1**

The governing authority of DeKalb County hereby authorizes DeKalb County to become a participant in the ACCG-IRMA Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund known as the First Responder PTSD Program for the purpose of providing coverage for those risks imposed upon the County by state law and for which the Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund has been established. The County's continuing participation in the ACCG-IRMA Fund in which the County is currently enrolled is hereby confirmed.

### **SECTION 2**

Pursuant to this resolution and DeKalb County Organizational Act Sec. 13(a), DeKalb County's Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute on behalf of the County any and all documents necessary and proper to become a participant in the ACCG-IRMA Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund known as the First Responder PTSD Program.

### **SECTION 3**

The powers of ACCG-IRMA, unless the intergovernmental contract and ACCG-IRMA bylaws are amended, shall be limited to those authorized by Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the related Rules and Regulations of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 4**

The continuing operations of ACCG-IRMA and the obligation of the County to participate in such operations shall be effectuated in accordance with the intergovernmental contract and ACCG-IRMA bylaws.

**SECTION 5**

The Deputy Director of Finance in charge of Risk Management is designated as the County's representative to ACCG-IRMA. The County may change its representative by informing ACCG-IRMA of the change in writing.

**SECTION 6**

This resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Michelle Long Spears  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Lorraine Cochran-Johnson  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

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

**APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:**

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