

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INSTITUTE A TRANSPARENCY POLICY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS WHEREBY COMPLAINTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County requests that the DeKalb Delegation of the General Assembly work to institute a transparency policy for Public Safety Officer complaints;

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia believes that the adoption of a transparency policy in the state of Georgia would increase public trust in Public Safety Officers by increasing accountability;

**WHEREAS**, similar policies have been passed in states across the country with the goal of increased transparency and accountability to the public;

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

1. The General Assembly enact legislation instituting a state-wide transparency policy for Public Safety Officers; and
2. The “Transparency Policy” should allow for the release of complaints against Public Safety Officers to the public within a reasonable timeframe; and
3. The release of Public Safety Officer discipline records to the public upon request; and
4. A tracking system for Public Safety Officer complaints and discipline records that is state-wide. The tracking system would provide the public access to log on to a website, find the public safety officer whom they filed the complaint against and look at their record; and
5. The information contained in such records should include: An officer’s name, charges, documents and outcomes after the completion of a disciplinary process;

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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**STEPHEN R. BRADSHAW**  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

November 4, 2020

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**MICHAEL L. THURMOND**  
Chief Executive Officer

November 4, 2020

DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC**  
Clerk

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**VIVIANE H. ERNSTES**  
County Attorney