

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO REQUEST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH ONLINE STATE-WIDE VOTING**

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County and the State of Georgia, through its partnership with the United States Department of Commerce (Census) have participated in the 2020 Census, partnering and promoting that “Everyone, is Counted Once and Only Once and In the Right Place”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Census conducted by the United States Department of Commerce through constitutional mandate has conducted a nationwide campaign to ensure that every community throughout Georgia and the nation is counted using online, phone and paper ballots; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government, under Title 13 of the United States Code, provides for confidentiality of census information under Section 9 and protections against wrongful disclosure of information under Section 214; and

**WHEREAS**, the information received through the collection of data using online, phone and paper ballots, and reported determines federal funding and legislative representation at the local, county, state and federal levels; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding the opportunity to vote, to include online voting, is a natural progression in creating a more secure, convenient and accessible opportunity for citizens to exercise a fundamental principle of American Democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, through the establishment of online voting, the State of Georgia, Counties and Local Municipalities will be able to reduce the financial burden associated with staffing various elections;

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

1. The General Assembly consider adopting legislation that provides for the use of online statewide voting;
2. The General Assembly provide funding for the establishment of an online system that mirrors that of the data collection utilized by the Department of Commerce (Census) to ensure the security and accuracy of all votes cast; and
3. The General Assembly require that appropriate records are kept for verification and confirmation purposes to document and memorialize all online votes cast.

**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.

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

**ATTEST:**

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

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**VIVIANE H. ERNSTES**  
County Attorney  
DeKalb County, Georgia