

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY,
GEORGIA TO APPROPRIATE THE USE OF COUNTY FUNDS TO
COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS TO REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, homicides and other violent crimes, particularly among teens and young adults, constitute a serious problem within DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, violent crime poses an immediate threat to the health, safety, and quality of life of the residents of DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, violent crime is a public health crisis that demands the collective attention of policymakers, service providers, community-based organizations, and residents throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, many social factors influence violent crimes, especially among high-risk communities that are challenged with low education and income, high levels of unemployment, and limited health and social resources. This greatly contributes to community violence among teens and young adults; and

WHEREAS, involvement in certain community-based programs, particularly those that educate, support, assist, and employ teens and young adults, has been shown to reduce homicides and other violent crimes among teens and young adults; and

WHEREAS, efforts of community-based programs can support and compliment government efforts to reduce homicides and other violent crimes among teens and young adults; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Governing Authority believes the County's efforts to combat violent crime will be supported and complimented by providing funding to certain community-based organizations, particularly those that educate, support, assist, and employ teens and young adults, for the purpose of reducing and combatting homicides and violent crimes among teens and young adults; and

WHEREAS, this action is being taken pursuant to the police powers of Dekalb County Governing Authority to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of DeKalb County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, as follows:

1. The Governing Authority of DeKalb County declares homicides and other violent crime, particularly among teens and young adults, to be a public health crisis within the jurisdiction of the County.
2. The Governing Authority of DeKalb County authorizes the increase of appropriations in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Non-Departmental/General Fund/Transfer Grant Fund and a decrease of appropriations in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Fund Reserves/General Fund/Budgetary Reserve, to be disbursed to certain community-based

organizations, particularly those that educate, support, assist, and employ teens and young adults, for the purpose of reducing and combatting homicides and violent crimes among teens and young adults.

The Governing Authority of DeKalb County authorizes 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 May, 2022.

ROBERT PATRICK
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this _____ day of May, 2022.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

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

ZACHARY L. WILLIAMS
Chief Operating Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES
County Attorney
DeKalb County, Georgia