

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORT REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, The State, DeKalb County and the people we serve have been badly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the most pronounced deficiencies identified have been in the area of public health; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Georgia ranks in the lowest quartile in public health funding per capita, and at the same time has one of the highest uninsured populations in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, The State should expand Medicare to take full advantage of federal resources available for that purpose. That action would benefit both individuals and providers by reducing uncompensated care and increase access to regular attention necessary to maintain wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia also requests that additional funding be allocated to public health communications and mental health programs.

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

1. Additional funding for the State Public Health Department budget;
2. Additional funding be allocated to public health communications and mental health programs

**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

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