

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXPRESSING CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR DEKALB COUNTY’S IMMIGRANT
COMMUNITIES, RECOGNIZING THE POSITIVE ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL IMPACTS OF DEKALB COUNTY’S IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES
AND WELCOMING ADDITIONAL IMMIGRANTS TO
DEKALB COUNTY AND ITS THRIVING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is home to over 128,000 immigrants, individuals who currently reside in DeKalb County but were not citizens of the United States of America at the time of their birth; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is home to approximately 10% of the total estimated immigrant population of 1.2 million person living in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Immigration Council, immigrants comprise approximately 14% of the State of Georgia’ total labor pool and represented 20.7% of entrepreneurs, 21.4% of STEM workers, and 14.4% of nurses statewide in 2022; and

WHEREAS, immigrant owned businesses in Georgia generated \$3.4 billion in business income in 2022; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, immigrants contributed \$13.6 billion in federal, state, and local taxes in 2022, with total household income of \$52.2 billion and a spending power of \$38.6 billion in 2022; and

WHEREAS, over 26,000 immigrants or children of immigrants are currently enrolled in Georgia colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County and the City of Clarkston, Georgia contain the most diverse square mile in America, home to residents from over 50 countries of origin and speaking over 70 different languages; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of fostering a community where all residents feel safe, valued, and included,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners hereby:

1. Recognizes the immense, positive economic impacts immigrants and immigrant owned businesses provide in DeKalb County, the State of Georgia, and nationwide.

2. Affirms its commitment to protecting the rights and dignity of all residents, emphasizing that DeKalb County is a welcoming community that celebrates diversity and inclusion.
3. Supports local organizations in their efforts to educate and assist members of DeKalb's immigrant communities and to provide resources to immigrant families.
4. Encourages all residents to stand in solidarity with their neighbors, fostering an environment of compassion, understanding, and mutual respect.
5. Calls upon all local, state and federal immigration authorities to conduct their operations in accordance with law and with transparency, respect for individual rights, and in a manner that does not disrupt the peace and cohesion of our communities.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

MICHELLE LONG SPEARS

Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MATTHEW C. WELCH

Interim County Attorney
DeKalb County, Georgia

