

**RESOLUTION****A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING GUN STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FIREARMS AND OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County requests that the DeKalb Delegation of the General Assembly enact legislation that establishes State-wide gun storage requirements for firearms in the State of Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, accidental gun-related injury or death is a daily occurrence across the United States with an estimated 2,100 cases a year for juveniles under the age of seventeen; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the year 2021, the State of Georgia experienced 193 cases of accidental death or injury for juveniles under the age of seventeen; and,

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County recognizes that the unsecure storage of guns constitutes a hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and all residents of Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County believes it is a governmental responsibility to provide all means available to protect the health, welfare, and safety of its residents and visitors; and,

**WHEREAS**, eleven states, have enacted gun storage laws that require firearms be secured by a device or mechanism, other than the firearm safety, with the intent to protect citizens from unnecessary and accidental deaths due to mishandling or improper storage of a firearm while protecting the rights of gun owners.

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

1. The General Assembly of Georgia to enact legislation that establishes State Gun Storage Requirements for firearms in the State of Georgia or that would specifically authorize the adoption of gun storage requirements by local jurisdictions/counties;
2. Review the proposed DeKalb County ordinance attached hereto as “Attachment A” for potential options for improvement; and,
3. The Executive Assistant or designee deliver a copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia General Assembly representing a portion of DeKalb County.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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**ROBERT PATRICK**  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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

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**VIVIANE H. ERNSTES**  
County Attorney