

RESOLUTION**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES AND MONOPLIES INTERGRATED RESOURCE PLAN PROCESSES TO ENSURE THE ENACTMENT OF ENVIROMENTALLY CONCIOUS POLICES AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County requests that the DeKalb Delegation of the General Assembly review public utility companies and monopolies Intergraded Resource Plan processes to ensure the enactment of environmentally conscious polices to protect Georgia citizens from future effects of climate change; and,

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change have begun to impact residents health and economic mobility across the State of Georgia, including DeKalb County, due to an increase in rate and volatily of weather and rising temperatures; and,

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, to combat climate change, continues to urge the General Assembly to regulate the storage and transportation of Coal Ash within the State of Georgia, for the protection of Georgia's citizens, its waterways, and its landscape; and,

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, to combat climate change, has urged the General Assembly to support legislation regulating permission of solar panels for residential homes, to allow citizens opportunities to save on electricity costs while lowering dependence on nonrenewable energy sources and other sustainability benefits; and,

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, to combat climate change, support opportunities for County Governments to find environmentally conscious policy alternatives including ownership, management and use of energy efficient infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, to combat climate change, urges the drafting of and support for legislation promoting environmental policies that include the expansion of investment in infrastructure for public transportation and renewable energy resources within the state and, supporting efforts to lowering carbon admissions by 2035; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia State Code §46-3A-2 designates the responsibilities of hearing and approving Integrated Service Plans, every three years, through the Public Service Commission; an elected body of officials responsible for the oversight of public utilities policies and procedures as they relate to the service of residents of the State of Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia State Code §46-2-30 reserves the authority to hear Public Service Commission regulation decisions through the designated State House and Senate Committees; and,

WHEREAS, DeKalb County support environmental justice and equity and believes many of these policy changes can be most beneficial through the Integrated Resource Plans proposed by energy and utility companies to the Public Service Commission; and,

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, to combat climate change, urges the development and support of legislation requiring future Integrated Resource Plans prioritize environmentally frontward polices and; if the General Assembly is unable to address or pass these critical renewable energy needs, DeKalb County will formally intervene in the Integrated Resource Plan process and fund the additional lobbying work required to participate fully in this process.

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

1. The General Assembly develop and support legislation that requires public utility companies and monopolies future Integrated Resource Plans center environmentally conscious polices
2. The Executive Assistant or designee delivery a copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia General assembly representing a portion of DeKalb County.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

STEPHEN R. BRADSHAW
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

MICHAEL THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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