

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY,
GEORGIA REQUESTING THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON DEKALB
COUNTY OWNED FACILITIES AND LAND**

WHEREAS, DeKalb County recognizes the importance of renewable energy sources in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing the threat of climate change; and

WHEREAS, solar energy is a rapidly growing sector of the renewable energy industry and has the potential to provide significant benefits to DeKalb County, including cost savings, job creation, and reduced carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County has facilities and land that could be suitable for the installation of solar panels and other renewable energy infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, DeKalb County completed a comprehensive study that identified current initiatives and recommended actions for becoming more energy efficient, conservation-oriented, and environmentally sustainable; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County has instituted several measures to reduce its carbon footprint including the development of the Lights Out, Power Down Energy Conservation Policy; created Certified LEED buildings; instituted an award-winning fleet management division accredited by the American Public Works Association for Green Fleet county vehicles; installed low flow plumbing; installed an energy efficient Ozone System at the DeKalb County Jail; and maintains The Green Energy Facility at Seminole Road Landfill; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County has expressed its commitment to sustainability and is dedicated to taking positive actions towards renewable resources, including sunlight, wind, the movement of water, and geothermal heat; and

WHEREAS, , as part of the Atlanta Regional Commission's Green Communities Program, DeKalb County has earned Silver Certification and seeks to achieve gold status; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia, seeks to further reduce its carbon footprint and create a stream of income through the installation of solar panels on county owned facilities and land by:

1. Discussion of a solar system in DeKalb County by the Board of Commissioners.
2. Issue a Request For Proposals (RFP) to identify a contractor to complete an assessment of county owned facilities and land, as well as install and operate the solar system. The purpose is to reduce greenhouse emissions, increase renewal energy sources, generate revenue, and increase cost savings for DeKalb County and its citizens.
3. Developing a process to achieve gold status in the Atlanta Regional Commission's Green Communities Program.

May 24, 2023

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

ROBERT J. PATRICK

Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND

Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

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