

## **Resolution Adopting the Charter for Compassion in DeKalb County, Georgia**

- Whereas,** the Charter for Compassion was created by Karen Armstrong and the Council of Conscience in 2009, urging the peoples and religions of the world to embrace the core value of compassion; and,
- Whereas,** the International Campaign for Compassionate Cities is a global effort inspired by the Golden Rule (to treat others as you wish to be treated) to raise awareness of the benefits of compassionate action; and,
- Whereas,** the purpose of the Charter is to encourage community leadership from around the world to create and increase compassion through local initiatives, policy and projects; and,
- Whereas,** cities in DeKalb County such as Decatur and Clarkston, as well as counties like Fulton County have adopted the Charter for Compassion and participate in the Campaign for Compassionate Cities; and,
- Whereas,** the U.S. Conference of Mayors passed a resolution in June of 2013 to endorse the Campaign for Compassionate Cities; and,
- Whereas,** by designating DeKalb County a Compassionate County, we call on other municipalities in DeKalb County and counties around Georgia to join us in supporting the principle of compassion and acts of compassion.

**Now, therefore be it resolved, that We, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners,** designate DeKalb County, Georgia a Compassionate County and sign the Charter for Compassion as attached hereto.

Resolved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023

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**Robert Patrick**  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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**Michael Thurmond**  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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**BARBARA SANDERS**  
County Clerk  
Board of Commissioners and  
Chief Executive Officer

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Viviane Ernstes  
County Attorney  
DeKalb County, Georgia