

**A Resolution Petitioning the United States Government to Immediately Restore  
Appropriations for Federal Agencies Experiencing Operational Limitations Under  
the Current Federal Shutdown,  
and for Other Purposes**

**WHEREAS,** the First Amendment to the United States Constitution establishes the right of the people to petition the Government for a redress of grievances; and

**WHEREAS,** DeKalb County proudly counts among its stakeholders thousands of federal employees and contractors, many of whom are working without compensation or are furloughed under the current federal shutdown; and

**WHEREAS,** many other DeKalb County stakeholders rely upon the essential services that these federal employees render, under duly authorized federal statutes and rigorously crafted federal departmental authorization bills; and

**WHEREAS,** the limitations on federal services under the current shutdown endanger the safety and security of US citizens, undermines the economy, and impairs stewardship of public resources in addition to placing unwarranted, indefensible financial and personal burdens on federal employees and contractors who have a reasonable expectation for compensation for services rendered, and for fidelity to employment conventions and contractual obligations; and

**WHEREAS,** under the Constitution, it is the responsibility of the Congress and President of the United States to fund such activities as they mandate and authorize through the legislative process, and it is further the responsibility of the President to faithfully execute and implement policies and expenditures so promulgated; and

**WHEREAS,** important public works have been authorized and funded through federal legislation that are essential to the safety, security and economic interest of the American public and the people of DeKalb County, including Savannah Harbor improvements, military and veteran facilities, and many other well vetted and valuable projects; and

**WHEREAS,** The US Senate in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States unanimously passed legislation to forestall a federal shutdown, and the US House of Representatives has approved such legislation in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**NOW THEREFORE WE**, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County Georgia, acting on behalf of the people of DeKalb County, petition the Government of the United States to act immediately to fund all activities now suspended or limited under the current federal shutdown; and

**WE FURTHER PETITION** Georgia Senators Isakson and Perdue to vote to compel their Leader to consider legislation passed by the House of Representatives, or offer an alternative for consideration by the House of Representatives; and

**WE FURTHER PETITION** President Trump to refrain from diverting resources from duly authorized and appropriated public works and military projects under a State of Emergency or any other action that would delay or disrupt their delivery under existing law.

**SO RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA.**

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2019

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**Jeff Rader**  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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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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DeKalb County, Georgia