



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

File ID: 2018-2089

Substitute

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioner - District 6

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

Climate Change Resolution

Information Contact: Commissioner Gannon

Phone Number: 404-371-4909

PURPOSE:

Request Congress to act on climate change

NEED/IMPACT:

Global climate change is affecting weather patterns causing rising sea levels, melting ice caps, increasing flooding and prolonging droughts. These changes are a risk to agriculture, wildlife and human existence.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.

**A Resolution Affirming DeKalb County’s Commitment to Combatting Climate Change,
and Urging Consideration of a Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy by
the State of Georgia and the United States of America**

- Whereas,** DeKalb County Government is charged with protecting the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and
- Whereas,** a consensus among the international scientific community has linked anthropogenic emissions of carbon based compounds into the atmosphere with rising ambient temperatures, a phenomenon generally known as climate change; and
- Whereas,** States and localities across the U.S. are already experiencing profound weather shifts associated with climate change, from rising sea levels and flooding to drought and dangerously hot summers; and
- Whereas,** DeKalb County has undertaken strategies within its authority to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, improve energy efficiency, and reduce water consumption, but requires support from State and Federal partners to combat this global threat; and
- Whereas,** the State of Georgia currently does not have a climate plan in place or in progress; and
- Whereas,** Congress has the responsibility to act swiftly and meaningfully on the issue of climate change; and
- Whereas,** the Citizen’s Climate Lobby has developed a Carbon Fee and Dividend protocol that utilizes market mechanisms to incent reductions in carbon emissions, returning the proceeds to the public to offset the cost of transition to a more sustainable carbon-neutral economy.

Now be it therefore resolved, DeKalb County affirms its commitment to sustainable strategies to reduce its contribution to climate change, and

Be it further resolved, DeKalb County calls on the United States Congress and the Georgia General Assembly to address climate change and explore a Carbon Fee and Dividend as a sound, effective policy.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this __th day of _____ 2018.

Jeff Rader

Presiding Officer

Board of Commissioners

DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Michael Thurmond

Chief Executive Officer

DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA SANDERS

County Clerk

Board of Commissioners and

Chief Executive Officer

Viviane Ernstes

County Attorney

DeKalb County, Georgia