

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNING BODY TO COLLABORATE WITH METRO ATLANTA COUNTIES AND THEIR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO ABORTION HEALTH SERVICES; AND OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare services, including abortion, is a fundamental right that must be protected and ensured for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, providing accessible, safe, and affordable abortion services is essential for promoting public health and the overall well-being of all DeKalb County residents; and

WHEREAS, financial constraints can often pose significant barriers to accessing abortion services for individuals, particularly those facing socio-economic challenges; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for DeKalb County to collaborate with Metro Atlanta Counties and their Health Departments in order to develop strategies that support and enhance access to abortion services; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative effort can help identify additional financial resources to address the existing gaps in funding for abortion services; and

WHEREAS, an investment to DeKalb County's FY24 budget would significantly contribute to improving access to abortion services and reducing financial burdens for individuals seeking such care; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNING BODY of, GEORIGIA, that

- The DeKalb County governing body is encouraged to work collaboratively with Metro Atlanta Counties and their Health Departments to identify any additional funding to support access to abortion services.
- The DeKalb County governing body is encouraged to work collaboratively with Metro Atlanta Counties and their Health Departments to engage in discussions and coordinate efforts with relevant stakeholders, including healthcare providers, advocacy organizations, and community representatives, to determine the most effective allocation of the identified funds.
- The DeKalb County governing body is encouraged to work collaboratively with Metro Atlanta Counties and their Health Departments to explore potential avenues for funding, including grants, private partnerships, and philanthropic contributions, to ensure the sustainability and continued availability of abortion services.
- The DeKalb County governing body is encouraged to work collaboratively with Metro Atlanta Counties and their Health Departments to advocate for policies and legislation at the state and federal levels that protect and expand access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare services, including abortion.
- The DeKalb County governing body commits to match the City of Atlanta's \$300,000 donation to ARC-Southeast which provides funding and logistical support to ensure Southerners receive safe and compassionate reproductive care including abortion services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Chief Executive Officers of Cobb, Cherokee, Clayton, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Rockdale Counties.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

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

ROBERT 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

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
County Clerk
Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES
County Attorney
DeKalb County, Georgia