

## **RESOLUTION**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO REQUEST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO INCREASE COVERAGE AND ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR THE UNINSURED**

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County through its partnership with Grady Health System provides support and resources for the provision of healthcare to uninsured county residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Grady Health System has been the safety net hospital for DeKalb and Fulton Counties for over 126 years, fulfilling its mission to serve the underserved; and

**WHEREAS**, Grady's role as the largest training ground in Georgia for physicians, and a leading research facility with a constant focus on excellent patient care and innovative changes to how healthcare is provided has produced a proposal to transform the healthcare delivery and payment system in Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Healthy Georgia Solution would provide hospitals and communities across Georgia an opportunity to volunteer as demonstration sites and draw down federal funding to provide coverage and access healthcare for thousands of uninsured Georgians; and

**WHEREAS**, this program would create demonstration sites across the state that would treat a defined population in a closed network of community health providers, commit to evolve the healthcare delivery and payment systems over five years, utilize a population health model with comprehensive care coordination to reduce utilization and improve health outcomes, create linkage to programs that address social determinants of health, and provide substance abuse and behavioral health services; and

**WHEREAS**, this new model of care and coverage can improve health outcomes, reduce per capita costs of care, increase access, maximize efficiencies and capacity of existing infrastructure, assure sustainability of rural and safety net hospitals, produce replicability for potential statewide application and demonstrate cost savings for the current Medicaid program

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, hereby request that:

1. The General Assembly adopt legislation to allow innovative solutions to increase coverage and access to quality healthcare services for the uninsured, and ensure sustainability of rural and safety net hospitals.
2. The Executive Assistant or designee is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the members of the DeKalb Delegation representing any portion of DeKalb County.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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**JEFF RADER**  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, 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-NORWOOD, CCC**  
Clerk

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**VIVIANE ERNSTES**  
County Attorney