

**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

**A Resolution Amending the 2020 DeKalb County Budget to Allocate \$132 million in CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Resources, and for Other Purposes**

**WHEREAS**, the current COVID-19 pandemic represents a pervasive threat to the health, safety and welfare of all residents of DeKalb County, necessitating an extraordinary and ongoing response from DeKalb County Government, and

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic commenced with the promulgation of CEO Executive Order 20-001 on March 23, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Governing Authority adopted the 2020 Annual Budget for DeKalb County Government on February 25, 2020, as mandated by the DeKalb County Organizational Act, and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020 the US Government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act which in Section 106 establishes the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) that has provided a cash payment of \$132 million to DeKalb County to resource the County’s response to the COVID 19 pandemic, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 106 (d) (2) of the CARES Act mandates that CRF funds may be used “...to cover only those costs of... government that... were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of (March 27, 2020) for the State or (local) government;...”.

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia State Constitution and Official Code of Georgia mandate that County expenditures be made consistent with an annual budget adopted by the County Governing Authority as amended from time to time, and

**WHEREAS**, it is prudent and appropriate that the DeKalb County Governing Authority deploy the allocated CRF funding as quickly as possible to meet need and to expend funds prior to the December 30, 2020 deadline established in the CARES Act, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County desires to avail our stakeholders of the substantial expertise resident in DeKalb, and embodied in the COVID-19 Task Force empaneled by CEO Michael Thurmond, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County recognizes the imperative for collaboration with the four other metro Atlanta jurisdictions that received CRF Funding and the State of Georgia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia the 2020 DeKalb County Budget is amended to allocate \$132 million in CRF grant funds received by the County as follows:

\$66 million to support the preservation of Public Health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic including:

- testing every resident of DeKalb County for the coronavirus and antibodies thereof as epidemiologically appropriate,
- the provision of treatment as required to those who have contracted the Coronavirus including the support of medical facilities and personnel and support of research relevant to suppressing the coronavirus in DeKalb County,
- temporary lodging facilities for the isolation of those who test positive for the coronavirus, as well as meals and other support necessary to maintain their safety and comfort during their isolation,
- sanitation initiatives to provide for the disinfection of affected areas, maintenance of the cleanliness of public areas and buildings, and the development and implementation of comprehensive environmental health standards and inspection protocols with the objective of stopping the transmission of the coronavirus,
- Other public health measures as required.

\$22 million to provide public relief to citizens and households in DeKalb County including:

- expansion of food bank capacity and food resources designed to eliminate hunger among DeKalb residents whose livelihoods are disrupted by the pandemic,
- rent subsidies and stabilization programs designed to eliminate evictions or displacement of DeKalb residents whose livelihoods are disrupted by the pandemic,
- programs to preserve the good credit of DeKalb residents whose livelihoods are disrupted by the pandemic,
- supplemental healthcare services designed to meet the needs of DeKalb residents whose health insurance is disrupted by the pandemic,
- program for DeKalb County youth whose lives are disrupted by the pandemic,
- other public relief measures as required.

\$22 million to provide economic relief for DeKalb County Businesses disrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic, including:

- business support loans,
- missed rent subsidies,
- a working capital revolving fund,
- other economic relief measures as required.

\$22 million for supplementation and administration of County programs unfunded in the February 25, 2020 DeKalb County budget and necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic, including:

- administrative pay as established in Executive Order 20-001,
- other expenses directly related to Coronavirus response as specified in Executive Orders 20-001, 20-002 and 20-003,
- overtime pay, workplace technology, reorganization planning and training, long range and continuous pandemic response planning, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Governing Authority of DeKalb County recognizes the COVID-19 Task Force as convened by the CEO as an expert and knowledgeable resource for

additional strategies, tactics, and opportunities to suppress the coronavirus and mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic and submits these funding and strategic priorities to the Task Force for review and advisement, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Governing Authority of DeKalb County recognizes the imperative for interjurisdictional collaboration in meeting the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and directs the Executive Assistant to convene and collaborate with his counterparts in Gwinnett, Cobb and Fulton Counties, the City of Atlanta and the state of Georgia to optimize our response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

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**STEVE BRADSHAW**  
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 L. THURMOND**  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

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**BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC, CMC**  
Clerk to the  
Board of Commissioners and  
Chief Executive Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**VIVIANE H. ERNSTES**  
County Attorney