



Legislation Text

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Substitute

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners - District 5

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

A Resolution by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Erect a Permanent Monument Memorializing DeKalb Victims of Racial Terrorism

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PURPOSE:

To approve a Resolution by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Erect a Permanent Monument Memorializing DeKalb Victims of Racial Terrorism

NEED/IMPACT:

The Governing Authority of DeKalb County supports the Remembrance Project Initiative of DeKalb's chapter of the NAACP, which seeks to recognize and memorialize incidents of racial terrorism perpetrated throughout the USA and in localities, including DeKalb County. The Remembrance Project is informed by the work of the Equal Justice Initiative, headquartered in Montgomery, who recently opened its Memorial to Peace and Justice and Legacy Museum there. DeKalb NAACP has two elements of the Remembrance Project, a historical marker (similar in form to those found at historic sites throughout Georgia) on the Courthouse Square to recognize the occurrence of such acts of racial terrorism here and across the south, and a parallel effort to "claim" an element of the National Memorial for display in DeKalb County. The attached resolution is intended to initiate the erection of the historical marker.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Cost of installation of marker donated Equal Justice Initiative.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Erect a Permanent Monument Memorializing DeKalb Victims of Racial Terrorism and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.