



# DeKalb County Government

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## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Request to pass a resolution to declare racism a public health crisis in DeKalb County with the data based on the studies conducted

### Indexes:

**Attachments:** 1. 2020 07.14 Item 2020-0673, 2. Resolution Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis 6-15-20 (003)

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
7/14/2020	1	Board of Commissioners	approved	Pass
7/7/2020	1	ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee	recommended for approval.	Pass
6/23/2020	1	Board of Commissioners	deferred to the next meeting	Pass
6/16/2020	1	ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee	no official recommendation	
6/16/2020	1	Committee of the Whole	Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned	

Substitute

**Public Hearing:** YES ☐ NO ☒

**Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 3

Co- Sponsor - Dr. Sandra Ford, Director/CEO of  
the DeKalb County Board of Health

### SUBJECT:

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Request to pass a resolution to declare racism a public health crisis in DeKalb County with the data based on the studies conducted

**Information Contact:** Commissioner Larry Johnson

**Phone Number:** 404-371-2425

### PURPOSE:

The resolution is to request the DeKalb County declares racism as a public health crisis. Racism is a social system with multiple dimensions: individual racism that is internalized or interpersonal; systemic racism that is institutional or structural and is a system of structuring opportunity and assigning value based on the social interpretation of how one looks.

### NEED/IMPACT:

Assert that racism is a public health crisis affecting our community.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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