



# DeKalb County Government

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## Legislation Text

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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.