

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATING TO THE EXPANSION AND SUPPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACROSS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE.**

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of DeKalb County requests that the General Assembly increase the appropriation of funding to mental health programs across the State;

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of DeKalb County believes adoption of legislation and the allocation of funding in this area is in the best interests of the citizens of DeKalb County; and

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners urges the General Assembly to appropriate State funding to increase the number of beds per mental health facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners urges the General Assembly to appropriate State funds to allow for care to be extended to the age of 26; and

**WHEREAS**, The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners urges the General Assembly to appropriate state funding for a pilot project establishing routine mental health screenings for middle school aged students in the State of Georgia;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia that the following is requested:

1. The General Assembly appropriate funding increasing the number of beds available at mental health facilities;
2. The General Assembly appropriate funding for extending the age range for mental health services to 26;
3. The General assembly appropriate funding for a statewide mental health screening program for middle school aged children;

**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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November 14, 2018

**MICHAEL L. 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 H. ERNSTES**  
County Attorney