

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY,
GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE STATE
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, The State, DeKalb County and the people we serve have been badly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the most pronounced deficiencies identified have been in the area of public health; and

WHEREAS, The State of Georgia ranks in the lowest quartile in public health funding per capita, and at the same time has one of the highest uninsured populations in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The State should expand Medicare to take full advantage of federal resources available for that purpose. That action would benefit both individuals and providers by reducing uncompensated care and increase access to regular attention necessary to maintain wellness; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia also requests that additional funding be allocated to public health communications and mental health programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia that the General Assembly request:

1. Additional funding for the State Public Health Department budget; and
2. Additional funding be allocated to public health communications and mental health programs; and
3. The Executive Assistant or designee deliver a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Georgia General Assembly representing a portion of DeKalb County.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

STEPHEN R. BRADSHAW
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

October 22, 2021

_____, 2021.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES
County Attorney