

**RESOLUTION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County requests that the DeKalb Delegation of the General Assembly support legislation increase the appropriation of funding to local mental health programs and services across the State; and

**WHEREAS**, County based Community Service Boards have been providing essential services for residents experiencing mental health crises, support with behavioral health needs or, assistance with developmental disabilities for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Pandemic causes increased demand for counseling and casework for citizens experiencing mental health or emotional distress; resulting in a server strain on Community Service Boards staffing, equipment, facilities and other resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of DeKalb County believes adoption of legislation to increase the allocation of funding from the State is in the best interests of the citizens of DeKalb County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNING AUTHORITY IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AS FOLLOW:**

1. The General Assembly increase funding to support mental health services within local facilities.
2. State funding should be sufficient enough to support staffing requirements, staffing pay and benefits, the ability to continue providing necessary programs and services and, meet equipment or other facility needs for County Community Service Boards.
3. The Executive Assistant or his designee deliver a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Georgia General Assembly representing a portion of DeKalb County.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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**MICHAEL L. THURMOND**  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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

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**VIVIANE H. ERNSTES**  
County Attorney Chief