

STATE OF GEORGIA

CLAYTON COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 103

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS POLICE BRUTALITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners joins with others across the nation in condemning the senseless and shocking killing of George Floyd, an unarmed man, by a police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the validity and long-standing history of grievances brought by African Americans and members of other minority groups regarding unconstitutional police brutality and the detrimental effects unconstitutional brutality has on those communities; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the danger faced by police officers on a daily basis in preserving the peace and promoting justice, but also recognizes that unconstitutionally excessive force achieves neither goal and harms the community that officers are sworn to protect; and

WHEREAS, while the Clayton County Board of Commissioners stands with those protesting police brutality, especially toward African Americans, it also strongly condemns the violence, both tacitly and explicitly approved, that has accompanied some initially peaceful protests; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that this is a pivotal moment in the history of our nation and that the grievances expressed by African Americans and other vulnerable minority groups must no longer be dismissed, and any return to normality must also be accompanied by a renewed commitment to social justice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners calls on our national leaders to immediately come together in a bipartisan fashion to address the issue of police brutality, rooting out and addressing its causes; and

Section 2. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners calls on prosecutors and judges across the nation to stand firm against all who would use unlawful violence and ethnic intimidation to achieve their ends, whether private citizens or law-enforcement officials; and

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Brian Kemp, Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan and all members of the Clayton County delegation in the Georgia Legislature. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes the Chairman to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this 16 day of June, 2020.


CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



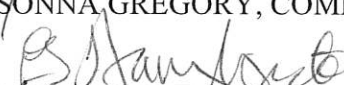
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BRENDA B. JAMES, CLERK