

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY, THE PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS, AND THE
WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL TACTICAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT
TEAMS FROM DEKALB COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners is the legislative and policy-making body of DeKalb County, charged with protecting the safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2026, the fatal shooting of Renee Nicole Good in Minneapolis by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents has created a national exigency regarding the use of lethal force and "Operation Metro Surge" tactics in residential areas; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's federal representatives, including Congressman Hank Johnson and Senator Raphael Warnock, have raised alarms regarding the militarization of federal agents and the lack of transparency surrounding these operations; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners finds that aggressive, uncoordinated federal tactical operations undermine the foundation of community trust essential for local law enforcement to function effectively; and

WHEREAS, while this Board acknowledges the mandatory cooperation requirements of Georgia state law (O.C.G.A. § 36-80-23 and HB 1105), it maintains that these statutes do not mandate the facilitation of federal tactical surges that disrupt the peace and safety of DeKalb neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia:

SECTION 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby formally condemns the reckless use of force by ICE agents in the killing of Renee Nicole Good and stands in solidarity with those seeking justice and transparency.

SECTION 2. The Board of Commissioners hereby expresses the Sense of the Board that the presence of "Operation Metro Surge" and similar tactical federal immigration enforcement teams in DeKalb County is unwanted, unnecessary, and a threat to the public peace.

SECTION 3. Reflecting the urgent demands of our constituents, DeKalb County Board of Commissioners hereby issues a formal demand to the Department of Homeland Security and the Director of ICE to immediately withdraw all tactical enforcement operations from DeKalb County residential areas and, in no uncertain terms, get out of DeKalb County.

SECTION 4. The Board of Commissioners respectfully urges the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to review all discretionary inter-agency agreements and to ensure that County administration and staff prioritize resources solely for the purposes mandated by law, and never to assist in federal activities that exceed those narrow legal mandates.

SECTION 5. That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Office of the CEO, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the DeKalb County Congressional Delegation.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

MICHELLE LONG SPEARS

Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

LORRAINE COCHRAN JOHNSON

Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

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