

**CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

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A RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER CREATE A PARTICIPATORY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS WITH THE COMMUNITY TO SELECT A STREET WHERE A PERMANENT “BLACK LIVES MATTER (BLM)” MURAL, COMMISSIONED BY MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL MAY BE INSTALLED TO COMMEMORATE THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the world will never be the same after millions watched the life being snuffed out of a handcuffed Black man, George Floyd, while a white police officer knelt into his neck as his fellow officers watched in silence; and

WHEREAS, no city more than Atlanta felt the pain of witnessing that loss of life, having been the birth place of the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, our citizens, of all race and creed, flooded the streets in protests, demanding the persecution of all the police offers involved and proclaiming that “Black Lives Matter”; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, this is one of many recent incidents where it was forgotten that Black lives matter; and

WHEREAS, The Black Lives Matter (BLM) is an international human rights movement which campaigns against violence and systemic racism towards Black people; and

WHEREAS, cities such as Washington, D.C. and Charlotte, N.C. deemed it vital to commemorate this historic time of unspeakable tragedy by installing the “Black Lives Matter”; mural on a city street; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York has committed to installing a “ Black Lives Matter” mural on one street in each of its five boroughs; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the City of Atlanta, the home of the civil rights movement, installs on one of its street, a permanent mural to remind all who may walk and drive through our streets that Black lives matter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta endeavors to govern with transparency and prioritize citizen engagement to the greatest extent possible, the participatory engagement process allows residents to have a more direct say in what projects their tax dollars fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the Department of Transportation Commissioner create a participatory engagement process with the community to select a street where a permanent “Black Lives Matter (BLM)” Mural, Commissioned by members of the Atlanta City Council may be installed to commemorate the Black Lives Matter movement in the City of Atlanta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the participatory engagement process will allow residents to nominate and vote on City-owned streets to be recommended to Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transportation Commissioner may provide, for Council's review, a list of options, selected by Atlanta residents, for streets where a mural may be installed, within 90 days from the date of adoption of this legislation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that any resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.