

**CITY COUNCIL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**20-R-4058**

**A RESOLUTION**

**BY COUNCILMEMBERS MICHAEL JULIAN BOND , JENNIFER N. IDE, CLETA WINSLOW,  
JOYCE M. SHEPERD, ANDREA BOONE AND MARCI COLLIER OVERSTREET  
AS AMENDED BY THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY OF ATLANTA AND THE GEORGIA GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT POLICIES TO IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE POLICE REFORM;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the country erupted in protests following the killing of an unarmed Black man, George Floyd on Memorial Day, May 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the death of Floyd highlighted the killing of several black people at the hands of police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the protests called for police reform, and led to discussions of police using alternative use of force, and chants that black lives matter; and

**WHEREAS**, as cities around the country began to consider reforms and introduce polices designed to address police use of force, 27 year old Rayshard Brooks was shot by a police officer in Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, this incident and many others in recent days illustrates the urgent need for widespread police reform; and

**WHEREAS**, in the wake of the protests surrounding the death of Floyd, New York, Colorado and D.C. passed police reform bills which included additional provisions to hold police accountable for excessive violence against citizens and to limit the use of force; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta should immediately adopt comprehensive police reform legislation which should include policy decriminalizing low-level offenses, placing more emphasis on community policing, offering additional training for police officers and ensuring expanded rights for victims of police violence, and other provisions as further illustrated in the attached Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms issued an Executive Order on June 4, 2020 to convene an Advisory Council to examine the City's use of force policies and procedures in order to make recommendations for any operational or legislative changes within 45 days of the issuance of the Order; and

**WHEREAS**, following the incident involving the death of Rayshard Brooks, immediate action is warranted; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for local and statewide reform of police policies.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA,** that the City of Atlanta and the Georgia General Assembly adopt policies to implement comprehensive police reform.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that reform policies should incorporate changes as recommended the attached “Exhibit A”.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Municipal Clerk, upon adoption, shall forward a copy of this legislation to Governor Brian Kemp and all members of the Georgia General Assembly.

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