

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RESEARCH POTENTIAL CITY STREET NAMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONFEDERACY AND RECOMMEND ANY RENAMING OF STREETS TO CITY COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

(Sponsored by Councilperson Gumbs and Councilperson Willis)

WHEREAS, the City of South Fulton ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City is the Mayor and Council thereof ("City Council"); and

WHEREAS, the City, pursuant to Section 3.10 (b) of its Charter, has the authority to adopt and provide for resolutions, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the Charter and with the Constitution and laws of the state of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, recent events have brought renewed attention around the country regarding street names linked to the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is important to determine which streets within the City may symbolize racism because of slavery and the lasting socio-economic harm associated with the Civil War and the Confederacy which is a constant and painful reminder to the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a task force committee ("Task Force") to research and review names of streets within the City that may be associated with or linked to the atrocities that occurred during the Civil War and the Confederacy, to work with the community on proposed name changes and present its findings and recommendations for name changes to City Council; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Task Force will ensure that street names linked to this painful era in American History that is associated with the Confederacy are identified and removed from the City; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is in the best interests of the general welfare of the City and its employees and residents.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. The City of South Fulton, Georgia hereby establishes the Streets Renaming Committee Task Force for a term of six (6) months.

Section 2. The Task Force shall consist of eight (8) members who shall be appointed by the City Council. The Mayor and Councilmembers may each appoint a Task Force member. Task Force members shall be residents of the City and shall serve without compensation.

Section 3. The Task Force shall work in collaboration with the historical preservation committee to research whether any City street names may be associated with racism and the Confederacy and should be renamed and report its findings and name change recommendations to the City Council, if any. The Task Force may establish criteria for determining which street names symbolize racism and for selecting any replacement names. The Task Force may consult experts and others having relevant knowledge and may engage in public outreach.

Section 4. The Task Force may elect officers and adopt such rules for its own guidance and proceedings as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this Resolution and all applicable laws.

Section 5. The Task Force shall comply with all Georgia and City laws on the conduct of public business, including public meetings and records.

Section 6. The Task Force shall complete its work within six (6) months of the adoption of this Resolution unless extended by the City Council.

Section 7. The City Attorney and City Clerk are authorized to make non-substantive editing and renumbering revisions to this Resolution for proofing, codification, and supplementation purposes. The final version of all resolutions shall be filed with the City Clerk.

Section 8. All resolutions, or parts thereof, that conflict with this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 9. The effective date of this Resolution shall be from the date of adoption, unless provided otherwise by the City Charter or state and/or federal law.

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