



## **BOC Chair**

Michael H. Boyce, Chairman

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**Item No. 5.**

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**TO:** Dr. Jackie R. McMorris, County Manager

**FROM:** Michael H. Boyce, Chairman

**DATE:** September 22, 2020

### **PURPOSE**

To approve a resolution creating the Cobb County Council for Justice, Peace and Reconciliation.

### **BACKGROUND**

On June 9, 2020, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners approved a Resolution Condemning Racism. To support its commitment to foster a community against racism and to provide an environment that supports civil rights to all, the Board creates the Council for Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation ("CJPR") to develop proactive solutions embracing diversity by collaborating with government and community stakeholders to make Cobb County a more inclusive and enjoyable place for all citizens to live, learn, work and visit; to create economic and social impact; and to influence policies and practices that promote equity and equality in Cobb County.

CJPR shall identify opportunities across a broad spectrum to assist in the education and mitigation of systemic, institutional, and structural racism. It shall provide opportunities for members of the community to participate in small group discussion, anti-racism training, and access resources to foster and improve open and honest communication among governmental entities, Cobb County residents and employees. It shall inform the community about the goals of CJPR and encourage organizational and community partnerships through conferences, workshops, and special events.

CJPR shall operate under the direction of the County Manager. The Board authorizes the use of some county resources, with the prior approval of the County Manager, to execute CJPR's operations and goals, including but not limited to, media sources and platforms, facilities, and assistance of staff if needed.

### **IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **FUNDING**

N/A

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Board of Commissioners approve a resolution creating the Cobb County Council for Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation and authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution Creating the Cobb County Council for Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution Creating CJPR