

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE COUNCIL
FOR JUSTICE, PEACE, AND RECONCILIATION**

WHEREAS, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners is expressly opposed to racism, bigotry, hate and violence in any form; and

WHEREAS, people of all races, ethnicities, cultures, and faith contribute to Cobb County's strengths and well-being;

WHEREAS, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners will continue to be honest and transparent with internal and external stakeholders and will continue to build on the culture of trust within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners desires to create the Council for Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation to support its commitment to foster a community against racism and to provide an environment that supports civil rights for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners that the Council for Peace, Justice and Reconciliation is hereby created by official action of this Board, with members of the said CJPR to consist of the following:

- a) Each Commissioner shall appoint one resident who resides in the District they have been elected to represent. The Chairperson of the BOC shall appoint one resident of Cobb County.
- b) The following Cobb County Organizations shall each have one appointee who resides in Cobb County:
 - 1) Cobb County Chamber of Commerce;
 - 2) Cobb County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP);
 - 3) Cobb County Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC);
 - 4) Cobb County Bar Association;
 - 5) Kennesaw State University;
- (c) Five (5) additional Members, to be appointed by the existing CJPR Members, will represent the diversity within Cobb County; and
- (d) Additional at-large CJPR Members will include county leadership as deemed appropriate such as Agency Director representatives from Public Safety, Community Development, DOT, Communication, etc. These non-voting county Members will serve as subject matter experts as issues/opportunities arise.

CJPR Members shall be appointed to two-year terms except for those directly appointed by the BOC shall serve a four-year term, concurrently with and at the pleasure of the appointing commissioner's term of office and until a successor is appointed. If an appointing commissioner is no longer in office due to a general election or a special election in which more than one year remains in that commissioner's term, any Member appointed by that commissioner shall be subject to removal with or without cause and without regard to any unexpired term by the newly elected commissioner filling such seat. The newly elected commissioner shall have the right to appoint a new Member to the commission under the same manner as his or her predecessor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CJPR shall 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; create economic and social impact; influence policies and practices that promote equity and equality in Cobb County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CJPR shall hold at least 10 regular meetings annually. For the purpose of conducting its regular business, meetings shall be at a County Property designated by the County Manager or her designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BOC authorizes the use of county resources, with the prior approval of the County Manager, to execute CJPR's operational goals, including but not limited to, media sources and platforms, facilities, and assistance of staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CJPR shall commit no monies without the prior approval of the County Manager.

This _____ day of _____, 2020.

Cobb County Board of Commissioners

Michael H. Boyce, Chairman
Cobb County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela L. Mabry, Clerk