STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-59

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY TO ESTABLISH THE CLAYTON COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET WHERE NECESSARY TO REFLECT AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE AND EXPENSE; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that youth perspective on issues which pertain to the youth in the community is an important part of decision making in Clayton County; and

WHEREAS, there is value in having a mechanism for youth to have a voice in County affairs and issues relating to youth; and

WHEREAS, the youth in the County desire the opportunity to demonstrate their willingness to become contributing members of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined there is a need to create a Youth Commission (the "Commission") for the County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will be constructed of nine (9) youths from the County, 14 through 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Board of Commissioners will select two (2) youths to serve on the Commission, and the Chairman will select one (1) youth to serve on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, youths selected by the Chairman and the Board of Commissioners will not require full approval of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners will appoint advisors that will consist of County staff and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman and each member of the Board of Commissioners will choose one (1) advisor each to assist the Commission as needed or requested by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, appointed advisors will be subject to a background check; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners will select County staff with a background in working with youth to assist the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that the establishment of a Youth Commission is in the best interests of Clayton County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes that the Clayton County Youth Commission (the "Commission") is hereby established as an advisory board to the Board of Commissioners. The Commission integrates the youth voice into local policymaking by researching youth issues and concerns, relating their findings and positions to local policy makers, and engaging the community to create positive change.

Section 2. The Commission shall organize activities to help educate and motivate the youth of Clayton County to participate in the local political process.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

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SO RESOLVED, this the 3rd day of ~~February~~ March, 2015.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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