STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 – 224

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO COLLABORATE WITH ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE "LIFELONG COMMUNITY" INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTY OF CLAYTON, STATE OF GEORGIA; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, "Lifelong Community" is an initiative developed by Atlanta Regional Commission ("ARC") that is designed to develop communities that better serve older adults to allow them to age comfortably in their current surroundings by providing quality healthcare, an efficient transportation system, community based activities and businesses which are located in close proximity to where older adults reside (the "Initiative"); and

WHEREAS, ARC desires to collaborate with the County, and the County, through its Senior Services Department, desires to collaborate with ARC to implement the Initiative in the County of Clayton, State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the adult population, aged 55 years of age and older is expected to increase 107% by the year 2030, and 55% of the residents surveyed think that Clayton County is an excellent to very good place to retire; and

WHEREAS, through the Initiative, ARC assessed that the growth in the older adult population offers neighborhoods, communities and counties in the region the opportunity to address long standing challenges and to re-envision the way we live together; and

WHEREAS, in the adult population, aged 55 years of age and older, the average years in their current home is 18.74 years, and 64% will remain in their current house as long as possible and 52%, if they choose to move, would move within the region; and

WHEREAS, access to basic and preventive health care and opportunities to engage in regular physical activity are essential to healthy living and aging; and

WHEREAS, the older population in Clayton County requires mobility options to ensure that they can access basic services and remain independent as they age; and

WHEREAS, older adults, and their caregivers, must be educated and empowered to make the best choices and access the resources they and their families need; and

WHEREAS, "lifelong communities" provide a full range of options to senior residents, ensuring a high quality of life by providing places where they can live throughout their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interest of the citizens of Clayton County, and the County will best be served by collaborating with ARC for the purpose above-mentioned.

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 Clayton County, through its Senior Services Department, to collaborate with Atlanta Regional Commission to implement the "Lifelong Community Initiative" in the county of Clayton, state of Georgia.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chairman and the Director of Senior Services to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this the 2nd day of November, 2010.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ELDRIN BELL, CHAIRMAN

(Absent)

WOLE RALPH, VICE CHAIRMAN

GAIL B. HAMBRICK, COMMISSIONER

SONNA SINGLETON, COMMISSIONER

MICHAEL EDMONDSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

SHELBY D. HAYWOOD, CLERK