COUNTY OF CLAYTON

STATE OF GEORGIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-299

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GEORGIA PUBLIC DEFENDER STANDARDS COUNCIL PROVIDING FOR THE DELIVERY OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES UNDER THE GEORGIA INDIGENT DEFENSE ACT FOR FY 2015; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND 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, the Board of Commissioners is vested with substantial powers, rights and authorities, which among certain endeavors allows for the general funding of a legal defense delivery system for qualified indigent individuals accused of crimes in Clayton County; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Clayton County and the State of Georgia to provide the constitutional guarantees of the right to legal counsel and equal access to the courts to all citizens in criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Public Defender's Office wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to effectuate the most efficient and cost-effective manner of delivering quality indigent defense services.

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

Section 1. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Public Defenders

Standards Council for FY 2015 providing for the delivery of indigent services. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes the Chairman to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution. Additionally, the Board also authorizes the Chief Staff Attorney to execute the Memorandum of Understanding as required. Further, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, all as may be required. The Memorandum of Understanding shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED this 18 day of November, 2014.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JEFFREY E. TURNER, CHAIRMAN

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