

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE
ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION**

WHEREAS, the survival of our democracy depends on free and fair elections, where all voters have the right and opportunity to make their voices heard; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration is to maintain optimal access to the ballot box for those eligible to vote; and

WHEREAS, the Local Act establishing the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration, enacted in 1993 and amended in 2002, provides for a five-member board, including three members selected by the Athens-Clarke County Mayor and Commission, and a member from each of the two major political parties; and

WHEREAS, Athens-Clarke County has been well supported in its exercise of voting rights by the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration, which serves as the local Election Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, continuity of service is critical for Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration members to provide optimal service to the public, given the complexity and scope of Georgia Elections Law; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration has brought a significant increase in the number of registered voters in the twenty first century, increased the numbers polling locations, and expanded opportunities for more-accessible early voting; and

WHEREAS, members of the public have not requested modification of the current model of Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration membership; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Commission of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government express confidence in maintaining the current model of the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should any deviation from that model be sought by members of the Georgia General Assembly, careful and considered community engagement is essential; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commit to continuing to provide the resources and support needed to provide outstanding election services to the voters of Athens-Clarke County.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 2025.
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____

Deputy Clerk of Commission

