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A RESOLUTION BY *James M. Johnson*
COUNCIL MEMBER C.T. MARTIN *James M. Johnson*
AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPORT THE *James M. Johnson*
NATIONAL EFFORT TO CALL FOR *James M. Johnson*
A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING AND A *James M. Johnson*
COMMISSION TO STUDY THE *James M. Johnson*
COMPENSATION TO TEMPORARY *James M. Johnson*
VICTIMS OF AMERICAN SLAVERY *James M. Johnson*
AND CENTURIES OF DEJURE RACIAL *James M. Johnson*
DISCRIMINATION OF SUCCEEDING *James M. Johnson*
YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. *James M. Johnson*

ADOPTED BY
MAY 15 2008
COUNCIL

Unanimous
Voice Vote
5/15/08

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- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

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Readings

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MAY 15 2008

John M. Johnson
 COUNCIL PRESIDENT PROTEM

CERTIFIED

MAY 15 2008

Rachel Douglas Johnson
 MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

APPROVED

MAY 17 2008

Paul Campbell
 MAYOR



CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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A RESOLUTION BY
COUNCILMEMBER C.T. MARTIN

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL EFFORT TO CALL FOR A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING AND A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE COMPENSATION OR REPARATIONS TO CONTEMPORARY VICTIMS OF AMERICAN SLAVERY AND CENTURIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION OF SUCCEEDING YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

King Melby
John
Clara
Wendell
Mable James
Dary Shubert
Elu Thom
Clara Muller

Whereas, the United States government has never acknowledged or taken responsibility for its role in the enslavement of Africans and the official indifference to violence against Africans and systematic discrimination by private and public entities; and

Whereas, the cities of Dallas, Detroit and Cleveland have passed similar resolutions to set up a commission to study the feasibility of paying reparations to African descendants of the victims of slavery; and

Whereas, the experience of enslavement, segregation, and discrimination continues to limit the life chances and opportunities of African Americans and these Americans have sought repeatedly to improve their educational attainment, economic condition, and living situation; and

Whereas, all Americans and the United States government have benefited enormously and continue to benefit from the unjust expropriation of uncompensated labor by enslaved Africans, the subordination and segregation of the descendants of the enslaved, as well as from discrimination against African Americans; and

Whereas, African Americans have sought repeatedly to obtain reparations in the courts of the United States and through appeals to its government ever since the end of slavery and have been unjustly denied relief; and

Whereas, the United States government has acknowledged and taken responsibility for its role in the unjust internment of Japanese Americans during the second World War and has undertaken to pay reparations to the internees and their successors and to apologize for the unjust abrogation of their rights; and

Whereas, the United States government has acceded to and approved the above stated reparations principle on the basis of treaty obligations and through its numerous actions in support of reparations on behalf of Jewish survivors of the Holocaust and their successors; and



Whereas, the harms inflicted on the African American community as a whole and the debt owed to African Americans is susceptible to exact proof.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1.

That hearings should be held in the Congress of the United States to establish the basis for reparations to African Americans, and to determine the amount of such reparations; whereinafter, a private trust should be established for the benefit of all African Americans.

Section 2.

That, as requested by the cities of Dallas, Cleveland, and Detroit, the City of Atlanta requests that Congress should appoint a commission to study the feasibility of paying reparations to African American descendants of the victims of slavery.

Section 3.

That the Municipal Clerk is directed to send (fax or priority mail) a copy of this resolution to all members of the Congressional Delegation for the State of Georgia.

Section 4.

That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

A true Copy,

Phonda Daughin Johnson

Municipal Clerk, CMC

Unanimously Adopted by Council
Approved by the Mayor

May 15, 2000
May 17, 2000