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IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE  
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ADOPTED BY

JUN 05 2000

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Unanimous voice vote*

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 AT-LARGE CITY CLERK  
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 MAYOR



RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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**A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A BAN ON ALL OUTDOOR WATER USE WHICH IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE CONDUCT OF ESSENTIAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has an interest in maintaining the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens, businesses, and visitors to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta provides water service to residential, commercial, and industrial customers in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta supports the use of conservation measures to ensure the continuance of an adequate water supply for itself and other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Georgia currently is experiencing severe and extreme drought conditions, with the rainfall deficit as high as 42 inches in some locations within the State; and

WHEREAS, groundwater wells monitored by the U.S. Geological Survey indicate that the aquifers that supply water to the majority of south Georgia cities, towns, farms, and industries are at or near their lowest ever recorded levels for this time of the year; and

WHEREAS, average stream flows on a number of streams without major dams in south and north Georgia are at or near historical lows for those streams for this time of year; and

WHEREAS, inflows into Lake Allatoona and Lake Lanier for May were the third lowest May inflows in history; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2000, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") informed the City of Atlanta that, effective June 5, 2000, the Environmental Protection Division ("EPD") will require all water utilities in a fifteen (15)-county area which includes the City of Atlanta to implement a ban on outdoor water use from 10:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m., seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, the DNR further informed the City that such ban will be in effect until the water utilities are notified of its termination by the Director's office; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta wishes to comply in all respects with EPD's requirements by issuing a ban within its boundaries effective June 5, 2000; and



WHEREAS, Fulton County has provisionally agreed to enforce restrictions on Atlanta customers in unincorporated Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, all residential and commercial water users will be subject to this ban on outdoor water use from 10:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m., seven days a week, for all water use which is not necessary for the daily conduct of essential business activities;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES that, in conformance with requirements of state regulators, the City shall establish a ban on outdoor water use from 10:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m., seven days a week, on all water use by residential and commercial customers, which use is not necessary for the daily conduct of essential business activities. All water customers are expected to comply with this ban from the date of this Resolution until such time as the state DNR revokes its requirement that Metro Area water utilities enforce such a ban.

A true copy,

*Phonda Dauphia Johnson*  
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council  
APPROVED by the Mayor

JUNE 05, 2000  
JUNE 13, 2000

# Georgia Department of Natural Resources

205 Butler St. S.E. , East Floyd Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334  
 Lonice C. Barrett, Commissioner  
 Harold F. Reheis, Director  
 Environmental Protection Division

June 1, 2000

Ms. Remedios K. Del Rosario  
 City of Atlanta  
 68 Mitchell St., Suite 5700 Sbl'd  
 Atlanta, GA 30335-0330

Dear Ms. Del Rosario:

Since May of 1998, the rainfall deficit is as high as 42 inches in some locations within Georgia. Groundwater wells monitored by the U.S. Geological Survey indicate that the aquifers that supply water to the majority of south Georgia cities, towns, farms, and industries are at or near their lowest ever recorded levels for this time of the year. Average stream flows on a number of streams without major dams in south and north Georgia are at or near historical lows for those streams for this time of year. Inflows into Lake Allatoona and Lake Lanier for May were the third lowest May inflows in history. According to the weekly U.S. Drought Monitor (a cooperative publication of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the National Drought Mitigation Center), all of Georgia is currently experiencing either severe or extreme drought circumstances. The National Weather Service forecasts the drought to persist through the summer ([www.noaa.gov/news.noaa.gov/stories/s430.htm](http://www.noaa.gov/news.noaa.gov/stories/s430.htm)).

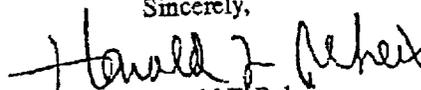
Since the 1986 - 1988 drought, the population of the counties that depend upon Lake Allatoona and Lake Lanier has dramatically increased. While both of the lakes are currently at or near full summer pools, there is much uncertainty as to when we might begin to see inflows rebound to more normal levels for a sustained period of time. The combination of increased water demands (due to large increases in population over the past 12 years) and uncertainty surrounding future inflows, has led me to conclude that we must take immediate action to curtail our demands on these lakes and many tributary streams.

I am therefore announcing that effective June 5, 2000, EPD will require all water utilities in the counties shown below to implement a ban on outdoor water use from 10:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m., seven days a week. This ban will be in-place until the water utilities are notified differently by my office.

Barrow	Cherokee	Clayton	Cobb
Coweta	DeKalb	Douglas	Fayette
Forsyth	Fulton	Gwinnett	Hall
Henry	Paulding	Rockdale	

Droughts, like other natural disasters, require that we all cooperate in taking extraordinary actions to protect ourselves and our environment from the harm that could be caused by inaction. I ask for your cooperation during the difficult days and weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

  
 Harold F. Reheis  
 Director