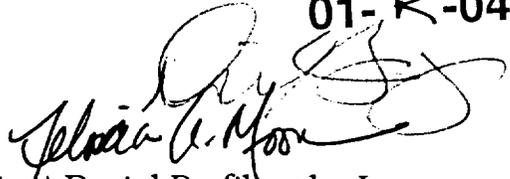


CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

01-R-0444

A RESOLUTION

Councilmember "Able" Mable Thomas



A Resolution supporting policies against Racial Profiling by Law Enforcement Agencies; directing the Mayor or his designee (Chief of Police) to devise and recommend to the City Council procedures to detect any evidence of racial profiling by City of Atlanta law enforcement officials; to devise and recommend policies and procedures to prevent racial profiling; and for other purposes

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is committed to preserving the health, safety and welfare of the its citizens; and

WHEREAS, **nationwide** there is widespread evidence that certain law enforcement officials target people of color for stops, searches, seizures and other forms of police security based on the color of their skin; and

WHEREAS, these forms of unwarranted police scrutiny inspire, in people of color and other people of good conscience, less confidence and less trust in law enforcement officials; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the residents of the City of Atlanta and the public safety community work jointly to provide a safe environment for all; and

WHEREAS, despite the civil rights victories of thirty (30) years ago, official skin-color prejudice is still reflected throughout the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, people of color in cities large and small across this nation, north and south, east and west, Jim Crow "justice" is alive and well; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of innocent motorists on highways across the country are victims of racial profiling and a recent report released by ACLU documents this practice; and

WHEREAS, these discriminatory police stops have reached epidemic proportions in recent years -- fueled by the "War on Drugs" that has given police a pretext to target people who they think fit a "drug courier" or "gang member" profile; and



WHEREAS, it is imperative that this form of racial discrimination be halted.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA that it supports the development of policies that prohibits the practice of "racial profiling".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee (Police Chief) is hereby directed to devise and recommend to the Atlanta City Council by July 1, 2001 procedures to detect any evidence of racial profiling by City of Atlanta law enforcement officials and devise and recommend policies and procedures to prevent racial profiling by City of Atlanta law enforcement and public safety officials.

A true copy,

Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED as amended by the Council
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

MAR 19, 2001

MAR 28, 2001

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COUNCIL
As Amended

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 3/5/01

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First Reading

Committee _____
Date _____
Chair *Patricia...*
Referred to _____

Committee *P.S. + L.A.*
Date *3/13/01*
Chair *C. P. M...*
Action: *Fav. Adv. Hold (see rev. side)*
Other: *As Amended*
Members: *[Signature]*

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
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MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

APPROVED

MAR 28 2001

WITH THE BOARD OF
BY *[Signature]*