

CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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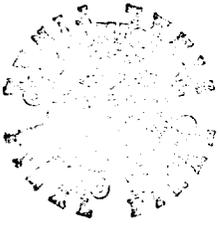
03-R-0101

A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMEMBERS *Felicia A. Moore*, *Carla Smith*, *Debi Starnes*,
Ivory Lee Young, *Cleta Winslow*, *Natalyn Archinbong*, *Anne Fauver*,
Howard Shook, *Clair Muller*, *C. T. Martin*, *Jim Maddox*, *Derrick*
Boazman, *Cesar Mitchell*, *Mary Norwood* AND *H. Lamar Willis*

A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE GEORGIA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ABANDON ANY EFFORT TO ADOPT OR CONSIDER LEGISLATION TO HOLD A NON-BINDING REFERENDUM ON THE GEORGIA STATE FLAG; AND FURTHER REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE CURRENT FLAG THAT REPRESENTS THE HISTORY OF THE ENTIRE STATE OF GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

- Whereas,** In 1992, the City of Atlanta supported the removal of the confederate battle emblem from the Georgia State flag; and
- Whereas,** In 1993, the City of Atlanta amended the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, Section 1-1015, as amended, so as to eliminate the requirement that the flag of the State of Georgia be displayed in the Council Chambers; and
- Whereas,** In 1994, the City of Atlanta urged the State of Georgia not to fly the Georgia State flag at the Georgia Dome during the 1994 Super Bowl; and
- Whereas,** In 1996, the City of Atlanta respectfully urged the State of Georgia not to fly the State of Georgia flag at Olympic venues during the Centennial Olympic Games; and
- Whereas,** In 2000 and again in 2001, the City of Atlanta expressed support for removing the current State of Georgia flag from the State Capitol and replacing it with the pre-1956 State of Georgia flag; and
- Whereas,** The State of Georgia, in 2001, adopted a new Georgia State flag that embodies Georgia history, including a small version of the Georgia flag containing the confederate battle emblem; and
- Whereas,** The Georgia State Legislature may consider legislation to call for a statewide non-binding referendum to poll public opinion as to which flag shall represent the State of Georgia; and
- Whereas,** All flags representing Georgia have been adopted as a result of legislative action taken by state elected officials, and have never been put to a referendum; and



- Whereas,** Conducting a non-binding referendum on the question of the flag is not in the best interest of the State of Georgia; and
- Whereas,** The lobbying and advocacy on both sides of the issue will be racially divisive and create a contentious and non-productive environment; and
- Whereas,** The national and international media attention focused on the debate of the issue will form a negative image of the State of Georgia; and
- Whereas,** This negative attention will trigger boycotts and cause a devastating economic impact on the city, region and the entire State of Georgia, resulting in the loss of jobs, sales tax and other revenues.

THEREFORE BE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA urges the Governor and the Georgia State Legislature to protect the economy and racial harmony within the state by abandoning any effort to adopt or consider legislation to hold a non-binding referendum on the Georgia State flag; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Atlanta reaffirms its support of the official Georgia State flag, adopted in 2001, which is representative of all citizens and the entire history and heritage of the State of Georgia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Municipal Clerk of the City of Atlanta is hereby directed to immediately transmit a true copy of this adopted resolution to the Governor, Lt. Governor and all members of the Georgia State Legislature.

A true copy,

Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

JAN 21, 2003
JAN 28, 2003

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5:31 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

03-R-0101

Urge General Assembly not to conduct
a Non-binding Referendum on Flag
ADOPT

YEAS: 14
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 0

NV Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Woolard

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A RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIA MOORE

Felicia Moore
Jan 2 2003

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

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First Reading

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Action _____

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Other _____

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COUNCIL

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- FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
- 2nd
 - 1st & 2nd
 - 3rd
 - Consent
 - V Vote
 - RC Vote

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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Calvin W. Westland

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Renee Dampier Johnson
 MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

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David S. Smith