

**A RESOLUTION
BY COUNCILMEMBERS ANNE FAUVER AND CLAIR MULLER**

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE COOPERATION OF ALL RESTAURANTS THAT USE WATER SUPPLIED BY THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO REFRAIN FROM SERVING (TAP) DRINKING WATER TO CUSTOMERS, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY THE CUSTOMER; TO ENCOURAGE RESTAURANTS TO PROVIDE WATER CONSERVATION INFORMATION TO CUSTOMERS IN THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in 2002 the Atlanta City Council and the Mayor approved a Resolution 02-R-1458 requesting that the Mayor notify all City of Atlanta restaurants to voluntarily comply with the City's desire that area restaurants serve (tap) drinking water to their customers only upon request; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, northern Georgia has been experiencing a drought that has significantly worsened in recent months due to extremely low levels of rainfall; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2007, rivers, lakes and streams in north Georgia were at or near record lows and according to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Lake Lanier may be at an historic low by the end of 2007;

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2007, the Director of the Environmental Protection Division, Department of Natural Resources, State of Georgia Declared Drought Response Level Four water use restrictions for the northern third of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2007 Governor Perdue signed an executive order declaring a state of emergency in 85 counties in Georgia due to the historic drought; and.

WHEREAS, holders of withdrawal permits and public water supply systems with operating permits, including the City of Atlanta, have been required to reduce water use by ten percent (10%) beginning November 1, 2007 due to the recent drought; and

WHEREAS, the conservation effort due to the drought should be a shared response by all of Georgia's businesses and individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, voluntary efforts by individuals and businesses will contribute to the conservation of our dwindling water resources; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interests of the City to encourage restaurants and their patrons to contemplate the benefit of not wasting water by providing it with meals regardless of whether it was ordered.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES, that due to the historic drought, it requests that the Mayor notify all

restaurants of the City of Atlanta's request that all restaurants using water supplied by the City of Atlanta serve (tap) drinking water to their customers only when specifically requested by the customer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City notify all other local governments who are serviced by the Department that are outside the City of Atlanta of the City's initiative to encourage restaurants to only serve (tap) drinking water upon request and to ask for their participation in this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City insert a notice of the initiative regarding only serving (tap) drinking water upon request in the monthly water bills sent to Department of Watershed Management customers.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City encourages restaurants to provide water conservation information to customers in their establishments.