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**A RESOLUTION**



**BY COUNCILMAN CEASAR C. MITCHELL**

**A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CREATE A PERMANENT FOOT PATROL UNIT AS PART OF A BROADER COMMUNITY POLICING ~~UNIT~~; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Atlanta has as a population of nearly 500,000 and in addition to the residents, over 1,000,000 people frequent the City of Atlanta daily to attend schools, work and to recreate themselves; and

**WHEREAS,** The Atlanta Police Department is currently staffed by 1700 sworn officers who are deployed in a number of capacities upon graduating from the Atlanta Police Academy; and

**WHEREAS,** many of the Atlanta Police Zones are understaffed by sworn officers, requiring Special Units to be deployed to assist in the day-to-day policing; and

**WHEREAS,** Community policing strategies, such as Foot Patrols, are well established methods of preventing and reducing crime in the neighborhoods around Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS,** New recruits could greatly benefit from and develop adequate community experience through Foot Patrols; and

**WHEREAS,** Atlanta has experienced significant increases in the rate of crime over the past year; and

**WHEREAS,** It has been well established that the deployment of Foot Patrols in Atlanta neighborhoods will greatly impact this alarming increase; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Atlanta seeks to train and prepare all new recruits by initially deploying them in Foot Patrols for a period of no less than 8 weeks; and

**WHEREAS,** Each graduating class of the Atlanta Police Academy shall be assigned collectively to an Atlanta Police Zone for a period of no less than 8 weeks; and

**WHEREAS,** Such a program of deployment can be accomplished through the utilization of graduated officers from the Atlanta Police Academy immediately after all requirements are met.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

The Atlanta City Council hereby strongly requests and encourages the Atlanta Police Department to create and deploy a permanent foot patrol unit as part of a broader community policing unit.