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A RESOLUTION BY
 PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL
 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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MAYOR'S ACTION

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 MAYOR



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WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Municipal Court has an established Community Court whose purpose is to incorporate holistic approaches to addressing criminal behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the Community Court seeks treatment for defendants who suffer from drug addiction, alcoholism, mental illness, homelessness, lack of education, unemployment and other issues that can drive criminal conduct; and

WHEREAS, stabilizing lives can improve recidivism and improve the quality of life for all who live, work and visit in the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has an interest in furthering efforts that promote crime reduction and achieve meaningful justice for victims, the accused and the community; and

WHEREAS, realizing the vision of Holistic Defense means creating public defender offices that have attorneys who are trained beyond the zealous advocacy skill set, to include an interdisciplinary approach to representation that embraces the critical need of understanding complexities of the client's personal history and how that background may contribute to criminal behaviors; and

WHEREAS, technical assistance, without charge, from the pioneer of holistic defense in the courtroom, the Bronx Defender, will expand the City of Atlanta's Community Court into a robust and sustainable program that effectively relates to the client and the community they serve; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is not required to provide any funds for this assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:



Section 1.

That the Mayor, through the Office of the Public Defender, is authorized to apply for and accept the Grant for technical assistance from The Center for Holistic Defense at The Bronx Defenders, New York. Pro bono technical assistance will include staff training, site visits by staff from the Bronx Defenders, along with other experts and practitioners who will assist the City of Atlanta in evaluating current practices and in charting a course toward expanding services that address circumstances that drive poor people into the criminal justice system.

Section 2.

That the City of Atlanta is not required to provide any funds for receipt of the technical assistance.

Section 3.

That the Mayor is authorized to sign all necessary documents and grant agreements with The Center for Holistic Defense at The Bronx Defenders, New York.

Section 4.

That the City of Atlanta Public Defender's Office is authorized to participate in an evaluation of current holistic practices in the Municipal Court and to chart a course toward the further development of a holistic defense team that will enhance the therapeutic options available to defendant's through the Community Court.

Section 5.

That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

A true copy,

Phanda Daughin Johnson
Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council
APPROVED by Mayor Kasim Reed

MAY 17, 2010
MAY 25, 2010

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