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A RESOLUTION BY  
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A RESOLUTION  
WELCOMING THE  
ETHIOPIAN SPORTS  
FEDERATION IN NORTH  
AMERICA (ESFNA) TO  
ATLANTA AS IT HOSTS AND  
SPONSORS THE 28<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL SPORTS AND  
CULTURAL EVENT AT THE  
GEORGIA DOME FROM  
JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> - JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2011;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Adopted  
by Roll Call Vote*

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JUN 06 2011  
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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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*Rhonda Daughin Johnson*  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

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MAYOR



A RESOLUTION BY

COUNCILMAN C. T. MARTIN

*De Wal Jane M. Sheperd*

**A RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE ETHIOPIAN SPORTS FEDERATION IN NORTH AMERICA (ESFNA) TO ATLANTA AS IT HOSTS AND SPONSORS THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPORTS AND CULTURAL EVENT AT THE GEORGIA DOME FROM JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> - JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2011; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ethiopian Sports Federation in North America (ESFNA) is a non-profit, non-religious, non-ethnic, non-political, tax-exempt organization founded in 1984 to promote amateur soccer and cultural events within the Ethiopian community in North America; and

**WHEREAS**, its goals include providing positive role models for the youth, promoting goodwill between the Ethiopian communities in North America and creating a bridge where people from Ethiopia and North America can interact in a mutually beneficial manner; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the sports events, the Federation also promotes cultural activities to provide opportunities for Americans to learn more about Ethiopia's culture and history; and

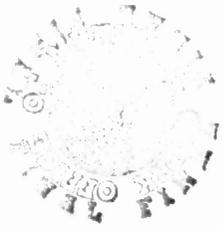
**WHEREAS**, the mission of ESFNA is to bring Ethiopians together to network, support the business community, and to empower the young by providing scholarships and mentoring programs, primarily using soccer tournaments, other sports activities and cultural events as a vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, ESFNA has a rich history that spans several years. This year, ESFNA will celebrate its anniversary in Atlanta. The organization has grown from four teams in 1984 to twenty-eight teams today with over 700 players and coaches participating; and

**WHEREAS**, ESFNA held two of its most successful tournaments in Atlanta in 1998 and 2005. The last tournament in 2005 was held at the Georgia Dome, a world class sports facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ethiopian community in Atlanta is growing each year. Over 30,000 Ethiopians call Atlanta home. There are over 25 Ethiopian restaurants, more than 15 full service markets, five exclusively Ethiopian Clubs, 13 beauty shops and nine auto service centers; and

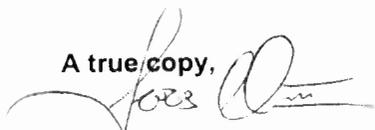
**WHEREAS**, over the past several years, ESFNA has become a cultural and sports center for Ethiopians in North America. Every year more than twenty thousand Ethiopians and American friends spend one week in the host city by taking part in the sports and cultural events organized



for their enjoyment. In the process, they spend millions of dollars every year in the host city, making a major contribution to the local economy. In the very near future, ESFNA is planning to bring more and a variety of programs to its supporters by partnering with major corporations and non-profit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, ESFNA, by virtue of its status is non-political, non-religious and non-ethnic and has adhered to this position all along because it is legally expected to take such a stance. Outside of the sports events, its contribution has been in connecting lost friends and relatives, networking and providing a medium for people to appreciate Ethiopian culture and heritage and taking initiatives to be part of development and humanitarian efforts in Ethiopia. In addition, it should be clear to all that ESFNA creates the environment for all to participate in business, religious and other activities outside of its events.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES THAT THE ETHIOPIAN SPORTS FEDERATION IN NORTH AMERICA (ESFNA) IS HEREBY WELCOME TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA AS IT HOSTS AND SPONSORS THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPORTS AND CULTURAL EVENT AT THE GEORGIA DOME FROM JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> – JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2011.**

A true copy,  
  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council  
APPROVED by Mayor Kasim Reed

June 06, 2011  
June 13, 2011

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Atlanta City Council

REGULAR SESSION

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WELCOME ETHIOPIAN SPORTS FEDERATION IN  
NORTH AMERICA TO ATLANTA  
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NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 2  
EXCUSED: 0  
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