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A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE APPEAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS- ATLANTA STUDENT MOVEMENT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL JULIAN BOND

ADOPTED BY

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A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMAN MICHAEL JULIAN BOND

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 10-R-0926, adopted June 7, 2010 and approved June 15, 2010, a Commission was created to determine an appropriate honor memorializing The Committee on the Appeal for Human Rights and the Atlanta Student Movement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has met, discussed, and deliberated with regard to such an appropriate honor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has made its recommendations which are now being presented to the Atlanta City Council (the report on the Commission is attached as an exhibit to this resolution).

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

**Section 1:** The Committee on the Appeal for Human Rights-Atlanta Student Movement Commission has made the following recommendations for an appropriate honor memorializing members of the Committee on the Appeal for Human Rights and the Atlanta Student Movement in the City of Atlanta, to document and celebrate the historical achievements of brave men and women, who advocated for social, political, and economic freedom, in Georgia and for other purposes.

**Establish a Freedom Trail**

- To establish a trail that directs residents and tourists to approximately 600 historic sites and identifies and celebrates the historical achievements of brave men and women, who advocated for social, political, and economic freedom throughout the nineteenth and twentieth century. This city-wide walking trail will be recognized as "The Atlanta Freedom Trail" and will assist in preserving the legacy and landmarks of historical figures and events while offering a narrative of Atlanta's history from the pre-Civil War to post-Civil Rights Movement periods. With Atlanta being recognized as "the Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement," a



distinct trail will be created as a perpetuate tribute to members of the Committee on the Appeal for Human Rights and the Atlanta Student Movement.

### **Identify Sites with a Distinct Historic Marker**

- To identify sites associated with the Atlanta Freedom Trail with a distinct historic marker.
- The historic sites are to be listed onto a published map indicating its location and historical relevance.

### **Maximize the potential use of green space**

- To establish linear parks, streetscapes, and street furniture within areas where there exist a high concentration of identifiable historic sites and architectural structures.
- To work in concert with The Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Department of Public Works, Office of Planning and Urban Design Commission in offering suggestions for green space use within identifiable historical area.

**Section 2:** The City Council of the City of Atlanta hereby accepts said recommendations, will review and consider them, and will take appropriate action consistent with the spirit of the process, in bestowing a fitting honor to the memory of the Committee on the Appeal for Human Rights and the Atlanta Student Movement

**Section 3:** All resolutions or part of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

A true copy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. L. ...", written over a horizontal line.

Deputy Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council  
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

October 15, 2012  
October 24, 2012



## **COMMITTEE ON THE APPEAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS- ATLANTA STUDENT MOVEMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

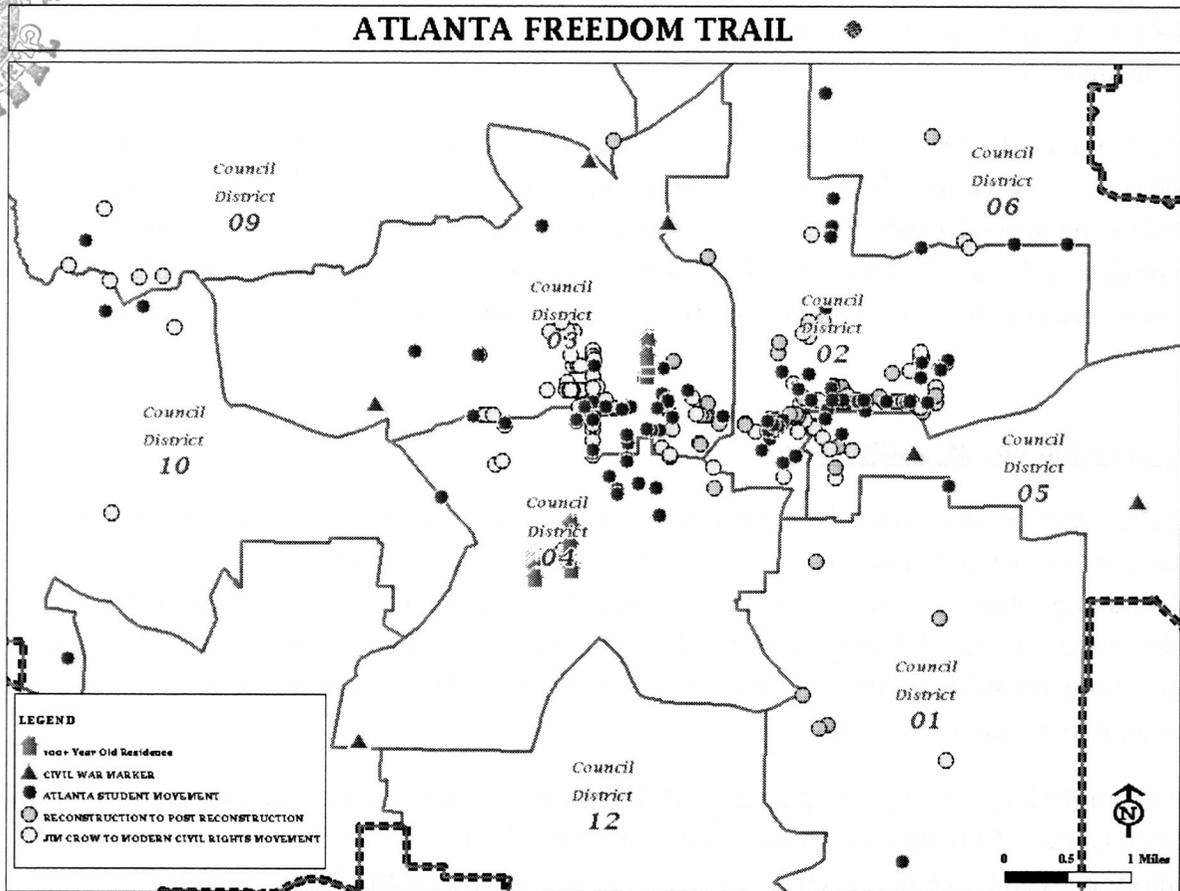
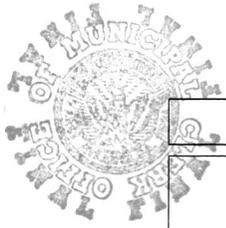
Nearly fifty years ago, several cities and states, predominately in the New England region, began an initiative to document and celebrate the historical achievements of brave men and women, who advocated for social, political, and economic freedom. Through passage of legislation, “freedom trails,” as they are commonly known, were established to preserve the legacy and landmarks of historical figures and events.

Freedom trails quickly became an attractive and innovative means to spur tourism, stimulate the economy, promote local history, preserve architectural structures, and educate citizens and tourists. These historic trails expanded the use of public parks and public transportation systems and commenced the development of urban beautification projects, such as linear parks, streetscapes, and functional public arts projects.

With Atlanta possessing such a unique social and political history and being recognized internationally as the “cradle of the Civil Rights Movement,” the Committee on the Appeal for Human Rights-Atlanta Student Movement (COAHR-ASM) Commission proposes that the City of Atlanta accept the recommendation to establish a freedom trail, recognized as the “Atlanta Freedom Trail (AFT).”

### **Historic Sites:**

This trail is a living history narrated and documented by the actual torchbearers and trailblazers of the 1960s Atlanta Student Movement. The sites are to be identified with a distinct marker and accompanied by a published map indicating the sites’ location and historical relevance.



### **Economic Impact:**

The COAHR-ASM Commission recognizes the economic significance of the Atlanta Freedom Trail and hopes that its implementation can assist in stimulating the economy in various ways:

- Sustain and in some cases, revitalize hospitality and architectural programs at Atlanta-based colleges and universities;
- Direct and increase foot traffic to businesses located within and around historic sites;
- Encourage communities to identify, promote, and preserve their historical and community assets;
- Stimulate homeownership within historically recognized neighborhood districts; and
- Expand the tourism districts from Downtown Atlanta and into surrounding neighborhood districts.

# ATLANTA FREEDOM TRAIL ●

