

RESOLUTION URGING THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO OPPOSE DE-ANNEXATION LEGISLATION TO CREATE NEW MUNICIPALITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge is a municipal corporation located within Henry County, Georgia duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within its corporate limits;

WHEREAS, under the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, the General Assembly may amend the corporate limits of any municipal corporation;

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Georgia General Assembly to de-annex portions of the City of Stockbridge in order to create a new municipality;

WHEREAS, neither the governing body of the City of Stockbridge nor the voters of the City of Stockbridge have consented to the introduction or passage of this legislation;

WHEREAS, the entire membership of the Georgia Municipal Association was unanimous in supporting the position in its 2018 Legislative Policies that portions of existing municipalities should not be de-annexed to create new municipalities unless consented to by the governing body of the existing municipality or the voters of the existing municipality; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Sugar Hill wishes to express its support for and solidarity with the City of Stockbridge in opposing the de-annexation legislation that has been introduced.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR HILL HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS;

Section 1 **Opposition to De-Annexation Legislation to Create New Municipalities.** – The Mayor and Council of the City of Sugar Hill hereby urges the members of the Georgia General Assembly to oppose any de-annexation legislation that is inconsistent with the 2018 Legislative Policies adopted by the Georgia Municipal Association.

Section 2. **Approval of Execution** - The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents and to perform all other acts necessary to effectuate this Resolution on behalf of the City of Sugar Hill. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any document which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. **Severability** - To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 4. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Effective Date** - This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

SO RESOLVED, this the 12th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Curtis Northrup, Mayor Pro Tem

Taylor Anderson, Council Member

Marc Cohen, Council Member

Susie Gajewski, Council Member

Brandon Hembree, Council Member

ATTEST:

Jane Whittington, City Clerk