CITY OF BROOKHAVEN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON ANNEXATION

June 30, 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BROOKHAVEN TO CALL UPON DEKALB COUNTY TO ALLOW A REFERENDUM VOTE ON AN ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY OF BROOKHAVEN WITHIN A DEFINED AREA

WHEREAS, Section 2.11 of the Charter of the City of Brookhaven confers authority and power to the City Council to do such as it deems necessary or helpful to the peace, good order, protection of life and property, comfort, prosperity or well-being of the inhabitants of the City, and

WHEREAS, The City of Brookhaven has received and approved at least seven annexation applications requested by adjacent property owners since 2014; and

WHEREAS, The City of Brookhaven is aware of at least six areas west of Clairmont Road that are seeking annexation into Brookhaven using the 60% method; and

WHEREAS, In a meeting hosted by DeKalb County on June 27, and in a subsequent meeting of the Brookhaven City Council on June 28, there were numerous requests from property owners and residents for a popular vote on annexation, which was echoed by DeKalb CEO Michael Thurmond, and

WHEREAS, The City of Brookhaven philosophically agrees with CEO Michael Thurmond and residents on annexation, while acknowledging that all previous annexations and pending annexation are in full compliance with State law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brookhaven requests that DeKalb County authorize and allow a popular referendum Nov. 7, 2023 on annexation in the DeKalb County unincorporated areas, defined as the entire unincorporated areas South of Interstate 85, West of Clairmont Road, and North of the Atlanta City Limits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Brookhaven requests that DeKalb County authorize a popular vote on annexation into the City of Brookhaven no later than 12:01 p.m. on July 25, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Brookhaven will allow all annexation application attempts currently underway to continue through at least July 25, 2023 at 7 p.m.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Brookhaven, Georgia this 30TH day of June, 2023.

APPROVED:
John Arthur Ernst, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:	ATTEST:
Jeremy Berry, City Attorney	Susan D. Hiott, City Clerk