

## **Resolution Amendment Revision #1**

### **A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE COBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO EXERCISE FISCAL RESTRAINT**

WHEREAS, Cobb County taxpayers experience tremendous benefits from living in a county with an excellent quality of life provided with a comparatively frugal burden on the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the Cobb County Commissioners identify themselves as Republican, a party whose platform endorses fiscal restraint and free market competition in the marketplace, and discourages increasing taxes; and

WHEREAS, our Cobb County taxpayers deserve a county government that prioritizes spending based on what is legally mandated, necessary, and contributes to a healthy balance of our low-tax environment and high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Cobb County Republican Party believes the Cobb County Government should only provide services not readily available in the private sector and which are not core services of local civil government, especially when facing a budget shortfall; and

WHEREAS, our elected Cobb County Commission deserves commendation for giving citizens seven additional townhalls to disclose the potential budget solutions advocated by the Chairman beyond the statutorily required hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Cobb County Commission faces a difficult and daunting task in the face of structural deficits, bond ratings, and quality of life issues that impact Cobb County; but

WHEREAS, there have been several examples identified of waste in Cobb County Government spending, and no operational audit of the county government has been performed, nor have any reductions in spending been proposed at the townhall meetings hosted by the Chairman, but many increases in spending have been proposed, including new spending on a "tent city" concept, and a tax increase would be an undue burden on the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COBB COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY COUNTY COMMITTEE this 24th day of July, 2018, that we encourage our Cobb County Board of Commissioners to exercise the greatest degree of thoughtfulness and thoroughness in developing a county budget which keeps our taxes low (and even lowers them further) as our residents have come to expect and balances the budget by reducing spending, divesting from all business-type enterprise activities which provide services readily available from the private sector, and reducing expenditure on non-core services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our Cobb County Board of Commissioners to operate within their means to maintain a high credit rating from independent agencies to avoid a further tax burden being placed on the backs of Cobb County taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our Cobb County Board of Commissioners to do all that is required to identify and eliminate wasteful spending from the county budget by conducting an operational audit and implementing and using professional techniques such as Lean, Six Sigma, and/or implementing programs to improve efficiency and reduce redundancy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Cobb GOP Chairman is instructed to present this resolution to the Cobb County Board of Commissioners on July 25, 2018.