

DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-002

BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

**EXECUTIVE ORDER URGING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, GOVERNING THE
CREATION OF NEW POSITIONS, AND REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF
COST SAVINGS PLANS AND REVENUE GENERATING PROPOSALS FOR
CONSIDERATION BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS: DeKalb County and its residents have historically benefited from the receipt of hundreds of millions of dollars in direct and indirect grants, loans and other funding originating with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS: Recent Presidential Executive Orders, and other actions taken at the federal level have led to uncertainty as to the continued receipt of such direct and indirect grants, loans and other funding originating with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Section 17 of the DeKalb County Organizational Act, the Chief Executive Officer proposes an annual budget subject to adoption by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS: The budget adopted by the Governing Authority for fiscal year 2025 anticipated continued receipt of such direct and indirect grants, loans and other funding originating with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Section 13 of the DeKalb County Organizational Act, the Chief Executive Officer has the exclusive power to supervise, direct and control the administration of the County government, including departments, agencies and offices thereof; and

WHEREAS: In light of the uncertainty regarding the continued receipt of funding originating with the Federal Government, DeKalb County and its various departments, agencies and offices must exercise fiscal responsibility in considering ongoing spending, including the potential creation of new positions and planning of new events, and developing cost savings plans and revenue generating plans, as appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME
AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, IT
IS HEREBY**

ORDERED: That DeKalb County and each of the departments, agencies and offices under the supervision, direction and control of the Chief Executive Officer must exercise fiscal responsibility in considering ongoing spending.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That, under the direction of the Chief Operating Officer, each of the departments, agencies and offices under the supervision, direction and control of the Chief Executive Officer must develop cost savings plans for such department, agency or office, and, where appropriate, revenue generating proposals. Such cost savings plans shall specifically consider and expressly address the reduction or elimination of funding related to external events and any spending or positions that are not directly related to such department, agency or office's core mission.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That no new positions be created within any of the DeKalb County departments, agencies and offices under the supervision, direction and control of the Chief Executive Officer without the express written approval of the Chief Executive Officer. This Executive Order shall not apply to budget neutral reclassifications of current employees, which will be processed according to existing protocols.

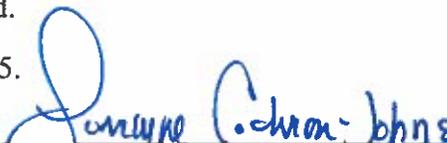
IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of state law and/or the Code of DeKalb County, as Revised 1988, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That this Order shall be effective upon signature and remain in effect until superseded or repealed.

So issued this 3rd day of April, 2025.


LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia



ATTEST:


Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood, CCC
Clerk to the CEO and BOC

This Executive Order shall remain in the custody of the County Clerk. Certified copies are available upon request.