

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE CREATION OF A
REENTRY TASK FORCE TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
THE FEDERAL SECOND CHANCE ACT**

WHEREAS, in April, 2008, President George W. Bush signed the Second Chance Act into law; and

WHEREAS, the bill received bipartisan support from a broad spectrum of leaders representing state and local government, law enforcement, corrections and courts; and

WHEREAS, in March 2009 President Barack Obama appropriated twenty-five million dollars in funding for the Act, and has requested to add an additional one hundred million dollars in the 2010 budget to fund the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Second Chance Act is hailed as a first-of-its-kind legislation that authorizes funding to government agencies and non-profit organizations to provide employment assistance, substance abuse treatment, housing, family programming, mentoring, victims support and other services that can help reduce recidivism and violations of probation and parole; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Second Chance Act, eligible agencies may apply for funding for Demonstration Projects that promote the safe and successful reintegration of individuals who have been incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, in order to apply for funding, governmental applicants must have, among other things, the support of the governmental unit; evidence of collaboration with state and local agency stakeholders overseeing health, housing, child welfare, education, substance abuse, employment services, victims services, and local law enforcement; and an established reentry task force; and

WHEREAS, other relevant agency stakeholders have expressed strong support for the development of a local Demonstration Project to reduce recidivism and probation and parole violations and promote the successful reentry into society of formerly incarcerated persons, to be implemented, in part, with Second Chance Act funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby supports and approves the creation of a Reentry Task Force to examine ways to pool resources and funding streams to promote lower recidivism, to collect data and best practices in reentry from agencies and organizations, to develop a reentry strategic plan, and to otherwise aid in the development of a Reentry Demonstration Project, pursuant to the provisions of the Second Chance Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Reentry Task Force will also explore other federal and local funding for reentry projects.

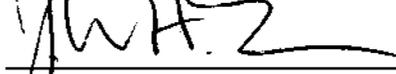
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners shall convene and consult with relevant agency stakeholders to determine the size, composition, and duties of the Re-entry Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to form a Reentry Task Force and, in addition to any other members, the Chair or the Chair's designee shall be a member thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners or the Chair's designee shall report to the Board of Commissioners on the progress of the Reentry Task Force on a regular basis, at least quarterly.

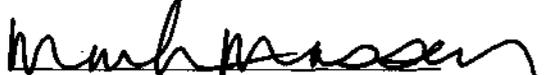
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia, this ___ day of June, 2009.

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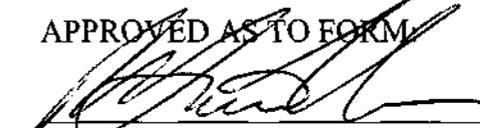


Chairman John H. Eaves
District 1, At Large

ATTEST:


Mark Massey, Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM


R. David Ware, County Attorney

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