

**A RESOLUTION
BY: COUNCILMEMBER FELICIA A. MOORE**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ATLANTA, GEORGIA REQUESTING THAT THE
LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF
GEORGIA ENACT LEGISLATION TO ASSIST IN
FUNDING MARTA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Whereas, public transit is critical to the economy, environment, and quality of life in the City of Atlanta; and

Whereas, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) carries 500,000 passenger trips a day or approximate the entire population of the City of Atlanta; and

Whereas, MARTA is supported by a 1% sales tax in the City of Atlanta and Fulton and DeKalb Counties, and

Whereas, MARTA is facing an operating budget shortfall of \$120 million due to decrease in sale tax receipts because of the current economic recession; and

Whereas, MARTA's proposed service cuts to cover the budget deficit would be devastating to the economy, environment, and quality of life in Atlanta; and

Whereas, citizens of Atlanta who rely on public transit would face challenges reaching jobs, school, medical appointments, and other necessary services.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA
RESOLVES AND REQUESTS;**

SECTION 1: That the Legislature and Governor of the State of Georgia enact:

- Short term transit funding to assist MARTA out of the current economic crisis
- A long term funding mechanism that allows regions to raise revenue for transit capital and operations of existing and new transit projects
- Permanent flexibility for MARTA in the budgeting of its sales tax revenue for operating and capital expenses

SECTION 2: That the Municipal Clerk provides a copy to the Governor and each member of the Georgia Legislature.