

## RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 155

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### A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA AND THE COBB COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council desire to increase citizen access to behavioral health care and non-emergency services, reduce the number of non-emergency 911 calls, lower incarceration rates, and generally address behavioral health needs for local citizens, and have set aside a portion of the City's American Rescue Plan Act grant to help address these issues; and

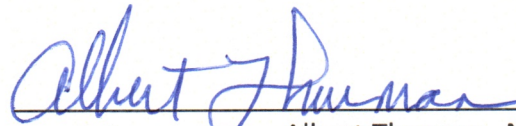
**WHEREAS**, Cobb County and Highland Rivers Behavioral Health have partnered to create community response teams to deploy behavioral health services in response to certain non-emergency police calls that include a potential behavioral health need; and

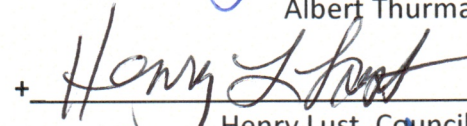
**WHEREAS**, the County desires the City's support of this program including a sworn officer to help staff a community response team available to respond to appropriate calls in the Powder Springs area; and

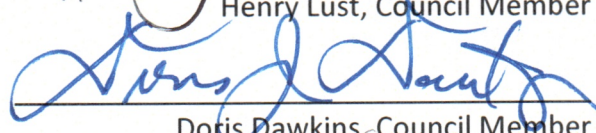
**WHEREAS**, the referenced Memorandum of Understanding will provide a framework for the City, Cobb County, and Highland Rivers Behavioral Health to be able to work together to accomplish the desired services;

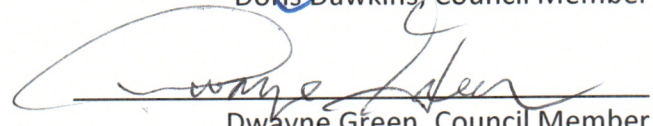
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Powder Springs that it approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding By and Between Cobb County, Georgia and the Cobb County Community Services Board, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**SO RESOLVED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2023.

  
Albert Thurman, Mayor

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Henry Lust, Council Member

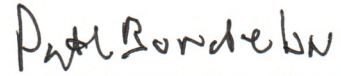
  
Doris Dawkins, Council Member

  
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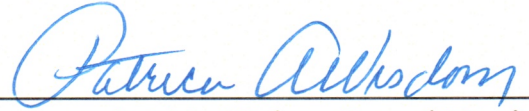
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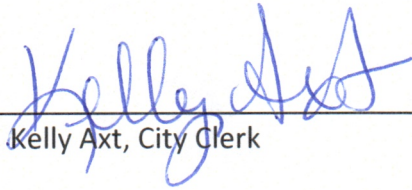


Patrick Bordelon, Council Member



Patricia Wisdom, Council Member

ATTEST:



Kelly Axt, City Clerk