

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF FULTON

**A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE GEORGIA SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
TO PASS HOUSE BILL 419**

Recognizing the diversity of needs in different regions of our state with respect to the use of fireworks; and for other purposes.

**WHEREAS**, there are significant differences throughout the State in terms of types of communities and housing; and

**WHEREAS**, there are major differences in choices in terms of building density, lot size, and proximity to neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the choice of those who live in more populated areas of the State has been limited in terms of the use of fireworks and the quality of life in those more populated areas has been diminished; and

**WHEREAS**, fireworks are the only noise that is treated differently than other noises in state law; all other noises are governed by noise ordinances that are passed by local governments to govern their jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, there are large unincorporated areas of the State that do not have noise ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, according to <https://library.municode.com.ga>, there are only 108 of the 538 cities in Georgia or twenty percent of the cities in Georgia that have a noise ordinance and would thus be affected by the new legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, all of our southeastern neighbors allow local control of the use of fireworks in their State and half of the States nationwide allow for local control of the use of fireworks, except the State of Massachusetts that does not allow the use of fireworks at all; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia House of Representatives passed House Bill 419 during the 2017 Legislative Session by a vote of 147 to 17 to enable the governing authorities in certain counties to further regulate the use or ignition of fireworks; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 419 does not address the use of all fireworks, but rather the noise created by certain fireworks, and does not in any fashion restrict or address the sale of fireworks.

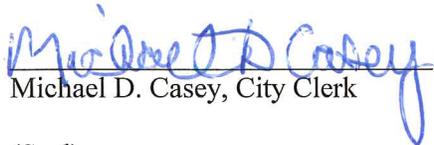
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS**, that this resolution is presented to urge the Georgia Senate of the General Assembly to pass House Bill 419 and for the Governor of the State of Georgia to sign such bill into law to improve the quality of life for the citizens of their city, recognizing that not all such counties and cities have noise ordinances and that the population density in some areas of Georgia will not warrant regulation of noises by noise ordinance.

RESOLVED this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

Approved:

  
Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:

  
Michael D. Casey, City Clerk

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