

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO GEORGIA HOUSE BILL HB 480 CURRENTLY
PENDING IN THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE**

- WHEREAS,** proposed House Bill 480 (HB 480), sponsored by Representative Geisinger, currently being considered by the Georgia Legislature, would eliminate the sales and ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles titled in Georgia and, instead, creates a 6.75% title fee; and
- WHEREAS,** the title fee would be collected on a county basis and a title of the vehicle from sale in a particular county will be assigned to such county and all local share of the title fee would stay in that county; and
- WHEREAS,** Mayor and City Council believe that this elimination of the sales and ad valorem motor vehicle taxes would significantly impair anticipated revenue of local governments and impair such government's provision of services for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the apportionment of title fees to the county wherein the vehicle is titled and sold would create an inequality amongst local jurisdictions and may not, necessarily, correspond to the use of the municipal, county and state roads and expense of their maintenance; and
- WHEREAS,** municipalities in Fulton County currently are responsible for maintenance of most of the roadways in Fulton County and thus should receive a proportionate share of the title fees, as it is not a fair apportionment to allow more than half of the title fees to be given to the County for maintenance of a very small number of roadways and streets; and
- WHEREAS,** though removing sales and ad valorem automobile taxes, HB 480 does not provide the necessary factual basis or methodology to properly replace these important local government revenue sources to appropriately keep each local government whole and able to provide the necessary services to its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sandy Springs that the Mayor and Council, for the reasons stated above, hereby express their opposition on behalf of the City of Sandy Springs for House Bill 480 (HB 480) and hereby authorize the City Manager to relay said opposition to Representative Geisinger, as well as the City's elected representative delegation to the Georgia Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign on to any Resolution of the North Fulton Municipal Association in opposition to HB 480.

Approved:

Eva Galambos
Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Casey
Michael Casey, City Clerk
(Seal)

