

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GOVERNOR PERDUE'S ACTION TO PETITION THE CORPS TO BEGIN OPERATING GEORGIA'S FEDERAL RESERVOIRS IN A MANNER THAT IS SUSTAINABLE THROUGH EXTENDED DROUGHT FOR BOTH DRINKING WATER AND ENDANGERED SPECIES.

WHEREAS, the City of Sandy Springs is extremely concerned about the current water crisis surrounding low water levels at Lake Lanier and Lake West Point, which are the primary source for drinking water for a large portion of Georgia including the 28-county metro Atlanta area, and

WHEREAS, these lakes have only about a seven-month supply of water remaining, due to excessive water releases prescribed in the Interim Operations Plan (IOP) developed and implemented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and

WHEREAS, under the IOP the Chattahoochee river system is producing during this drought about 2000 cubic feet of water per second, but the Corps is delivering 5000 cfs at the Florida line out of Georgia reservoirs, a practice which is not sustainable, and

WHEREAS, even with water conservation programs that have been put into place by local governments, the continued implementation of the IOP plan will have a devastating impact on Georgian's, and

WHEREAS, continued implementation of the IOP will result in the loss of drinking water to about 3 million people in the metro Atlanta area by early 2008 and severely impact downstream users in cities south of the metro Atlanta area, and

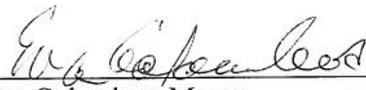
WHEREAS, continued implementation of the IOP will result in the inability of Lake Lanier and Lake West Point to recover during the upcoming winter and spring months, and

WHEREAS, continued implementation of the IOP will result in economic devastation to a large portion of Georgia's economy, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to intervene in this situation and require the Corps to revise its IOP, Governor Sonny Perdue recently announced that the state of Georgia will seek a court order requiring the Army Corps of Engineers to restrict water flows from Lake Lanier and Georgia's federal reservoirs.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Sandy Springs supports Governor Perdue's action to protect the health, safety, welfare and quality of life for residents of Georgia by petitioning the Corps to immediately begin operating Georgia's federal reservoirs in a manner that is sustainable through extended drought for both drinking water and endangered species.

This 6th day of November 2007



Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:


Christina V. Rowland, City Clerk

