

A RESOLUTION BY
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A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO INCREASING AWARENESS OF WAYS TO ACCESS REPRODUCTIVE CARE AS WELL AS ADVANCING POLICIES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health is a basic human right that should be steadfastly afforded to all women; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly adopted House Bill 481 in 2019, the so-called 'heartbeat' bill, which would ban abortion as early as six weeks into a woman's pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, establishment of a Reproductive Justice Commission would proactively work to increase awareness around access to care as well as public and private resources; and

WHEREAS, such a Commission would also conduct policy research and make recommendations as to how best improve public health outcomes related to reproductive health in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council therefore desires to establish a Reproductive Justice Commission to deliver on these broad goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, the Atlanta Reproductive Justice Commission consisting of nine individuals is hereby established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the Commission shall be appointed as follows:

- Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Mayor
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Council President
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Council members from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and Post 1 At-Large
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Council members from Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and Post 2 At-Large
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Council members from Districts 9, 10, 11, 12 and Post 3 At-Large
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Executive Director of the East Atlanta Health Center, or his or her designee
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Dean of the Georgia State University School of Public Health, or his or her designee
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the District Health Director of the Fulton County Board of Health or his or her designee

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appointees to the board must possess demonstrated applied or academic expertise on reproductive health.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Reproductive Justice Commission shall sunset Three (3) years from the date of its first meeting.