

RESOLUTION NO. RES 2021
A RESOLUTION OF THE BROOKHAVEN CITY COUNCIL TO DESIGNATE **THE**
BUFORD HIGHWAY **CORRIDOR AS THE “BUFORD HIGHWAY CULTURAL**
****CORRIDOR**”**

WHEREAS, the Buford Highway Corridor is a vibrant multi-cultural and multi-generational community that is home to diverse ethnic groups **including, but not limited to** Korean, Mexican, Chinese, Vietnamese, Indian, Bangladeshi, Central **and Latin American, Somali and Ethiopian** cultures;

WHEREAS, the Buford Highway Corridor is rich in cultural diversities, traditions, and resources; the City of Brookhaven seeks to preserve the multi-cultural identity and core character of Buford Highway to create and maintain a strong sense of belonging for all ethnic groups;

WHEREAS, the City of Brookhaven celebrates the **Buford Highway Corridor’s** rich heritage and supports **diverse** arts and cultural initiatives and public art that are accessible for and representative of all residents;

WHEREAS, the City of Brookhaven recognizes that the **Buford Highway Corridor** is a unique, multi-diverse area of the city which offers the opportunity to enhance arts and culture and raise awareness of the importance of design and art;

WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Arts and Culture Master Plan recommends that the **Buford Highway Corridor** be designated as the “*Buford Highway Cultural Corridor*;”

WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Arts and Culture Master Plan encourages the City of Brookhaven, and Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce to work with the cities of Chamblee and Doraville to coordinate events, signage and marketing for arts and cultural initiatives along Buford Highway;

WHEREAS, The City of Brookhaven will collaborate with the Chamblee-Doraville Community Improvement District to advance capital improvement projects and community services critical to the safety and vitality of the **Buford Highway Corridor** business community;

WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Arts and Culture Master Plan recommends the installation of gateway signs at key entry points to Buford Highway in collaboration with appropriate city departments and the Georgia Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Arts and Culture Master Plan recommends developing and presenting an annual international festival along the **Buford Highway Corridor**;

WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Arts and Culture Master Plan encourages infusing art and public space activation throughout the **Buford Highway Corridor** in future streetscape and transportation improvements projects in collaboration with appropriate city departments, MARTA, and Georgia Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Arts and Culture Master Plan encourages collaboration with We Love Buford Highway, Inc., **the Latin American Association**, local schools and other arts and cultural organizations to foster educational and learning opportunities that support creative arts and cultural initiatives;

WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Arts and Culture Master Plan encourages the City of Brookhaven to ensure that the Peachtree Creek Greenway serves as open space for the surrounding community.

WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Arts and Cultural Master Plan recommends that the City of Brookhaven designate small areas along Peachtree Creek Greenway for music and public programming and consider temporary art and cultural events;

WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Arts and Culture Master Plan recommends the Buford Highway Zoning Overlay District incorporate inclusive zoning, protect affordability for residence and local businesses, and incentivize future developments that incorporate arts and cultural uses and the placement of art in public and private spaces; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brookhaven City Council designates the **Buford Highway Corridor** as the “*Buford Highway Cultural Corridor*” to promote **and preserve** the multi-cultural heritage of the **Buford Highway Corridor** through the celebration of arts and culture.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

SO BE IT RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE, this the ____ day of _____ 2021.

APPROVED:

John Arthur Ernst Jr., Mayor

ATTEST

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Susan Hiott, City Clerk

Chris Balch, City Attorney