

In Recognition of Deborah Richardson

WHEREAS, *The Atlanta City Council is proud to recognize Deborah Richardson for her dedication and heroic work in the fight against human trafficking; and*

WHEREAS, *A pioneer of innovative programming to help sexually exploited girls, she has led campaigns to eradicate the facilitation of trafficking on online platforms, testified before Congress, and advised more than 20 communities in the United States on organizing and implementing efforts to address child sexual exploitation; and*

WHEREAS, *She is the executive director of the International Human Trafficking Institute of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. In this role, she is leading a three-year strategic plan to end human trafficking in metro Atlanta. She founded the institute in 2014 in her former role as executive vice president of the Center for Civil and Human Rights; and*

WHEREAS, *Her impactful career also includes serving as chief program officer at Women’s Funding Network in San Francisco, CEO of The Atlanta Women’s Foundation, director of program development for Fulton County Juvenile Court, founding executive director of the Juvenile Justice Fund (now YouthSpark) and managing director of the National Black Arts Festival. Since 2018, she has served as the Alonzo F. and Norris B. Herndon Human Rights Expert in Residence in the Honors College of Georgia State University; and*

WHEREAS, *Her conviction to end human trafficking locally, nationally and internationally has cemented her legacy as a true fighter against social injustice and an advocate for those in need.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, *the members of the Atlanta City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, do hereby recognize Deborah Richardson on this 16th day of September 2019 for her dedicated effort to stop sex trafficking and compassion and support for helping vulnerable survivors in Atlanta and beyond.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE
HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND
CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY
OF ATLANTA TO BE AFFIXED

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