

Senate Resolution 864

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the DeKalb Public Health Department on its centennial anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Health Department was founded in 1924; and

4 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Health Department began with four employees and is the
5 DeKalb Public Health Department with more than 300 employees who provide services at
6 six health centers and through the use of mobile units; and

7 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Public Health Department has met the ever-changing public health
8 needs of DeKalb County, from its early days as an agricultural community to its present day
9 as a bustling, diverse Atlanta suburb; and

10 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Public Health Department serves as one of the Georgia Department
11 of Public Health's 18 health districts; and

12 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Public Health Department provides a broad range of services
13 including clinical and infectious disease services, chronic disease and injury prevention,
14 maternal and child health services and resources, oral health services, outbreak

15 investigations, refugee health services, emergency preparedness, environmental health and
16 protection, and vital records and builds healthy communities through assessment, education,
17 and outreach efforts; and

18 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Public Health Department's vision is a healthier DeKalb where all
19 residents have equitable access to public health resources and live healthy lives; and

20 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Public Health Department's mission is to protect, promote, and
21 improve the health and well-being of all DeKalb County residents; and

22 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Public Health Department is celebrating its centennial anniversary
23 in April 2024; and

24 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Public Health Department has served as a pillar of public health
25 excellence within the community for 100 years, steadfastly dedicated to the well-being and
26 prosperity of the citizens; and

27 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Public Health Department has consistently demonstrated a
28 commitment to the values of teamwork, diversity, equity, and inclusion, fostering an
29 environment of collaboration and mutual respect that enriches the community and ensures
30 equitable access to vital health services for all individuals; and

31 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Public Health Department has exemplified a standard of excellence
32 in public health practice, continuously striving for innovation and improvement in the
33 delivery of services and programs that promote health, prevent disease, and protect the
34 environment, thereby enhancing the quality of life for residents of the community; and

35 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Public Health Department has provided a comprehensive range of
36 services spanning life, from prenatal care for expectant mothers to pediatric services for
37 infants and children, dental care for all ages, environmental health initiatives, and beyond,
38 addressing the diverse health needs of the community with compassion, competence, and
39 dedication; and

40 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Public Health Department has been a tireless advocate for the health
41 and well-being of the community, collaborating with local organizations, businesses, schools,
42 and government agencies to promote health equity, address health disparities, and build a
43 healthier, more resilient community for future generations.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
45 honor the DeKalb Public Health Department on the occasion of its centennial anniversary
46 and commend its unwavering dedication to the principles of teamwork, diversity, equity, and
47 inclusion, its commitment to excellence and continuous improvement, and its invaluable
48 contributions to the health and vitality of the community.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
50 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the DeKalb Public
51 Health Department.