

**RESOLUTION R-001-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE A CHANGE OF THE NAME OF WALKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 25-3-1 gives county fire departments authority to perform all such services of a fire department as may be provided by law or which necessarily appertain thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 25-3-4 provides that the governing body of each county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state shall have the power to enact such measures as may be necessary to carry out services of the county fire department; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker County, Georgia created the Walker County Fire & Rescue District by ordinance on September 20, 1994 to provide fire fighting services in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 25-13-4 protects usage of the nomenclature of local fire departments from misuse; and

**WHEREAS**, “Walker County Emergency Service” is the current name of the department providing services of a fire department to Walker County; and

**WHEREAS**, the name “Walker County Emergency Services” leads some citizens and other emergency service agencies to believe the department is responsible for emergency medical services rather than fire, rescue and emergency response; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution is necessary to recognize and declare the official name of the department providing services of a fire department to Walker County; and

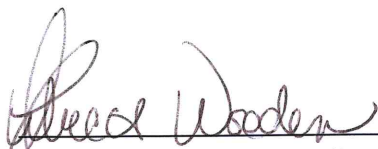
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia that the official name of the department providing services of the fire department of Walker County is designated “Walker County Fire Rescue.”

**BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that any and all prior contracts, official actions or legal obligations performed by or owing to or from Walker County Emergency Services or Walker County Fire & Rescue are subsumed and assigned to “Walker County Fire Rescue.”

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 10th day of January, 2019.

**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

  
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**REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk**

  
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**SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Sole Commissioner**