RESOLUTION R-008-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF A TOTAL OF THREE DEPUTY CORONERS

WHEREAS, the Walker County Coroner performs vital services on a time sensitive basis for the citizens of Walker County; and

WHEREAS, Walker County contains 447 square miles of land, which is a large amount of land for only the county coroner and one deputy county coroner to provide their services in a time sensitive manner for the citizens of Walker County; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 45-16-7 provides that there shall only be one deputy county coroner in each county unless otherwise approved by the local governing authority of the county; and

WHEREAS, it will be a benefit to the citizens of Walker County and the county coroner to have a total not to exceed three deputy county coroners to assist the county coroner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia hereby authorizes the appointment of a total not to exceed three deputy county coroners. Each deputy coroner shall serve at the pleasure of the county coroner and may be replaced by the county coroner at any time. Each deputy county coroner shall take the same oath, give the same bond, be entitled to the same fees, and have the same powers as the county coroner; but a deputy county coroner shall act as coroner only when the county coroner is unable to act. Each deputy county coroner shall have a minimum of a high school diploma, or its recognized equivalent. Each deputy county coroner shall comply with all provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 45-16-7 and all other applicable State of Georgia and Walker County laws, ordinances and regulations, as may be enacted and amended from time to time.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

Rebecca Wooden

REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Shannon K. Whitfield

SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman

The foregoing Resolution received a motion for passage from Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Blakemore, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to adopt the Resolution.