

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Barfield has been a Forensic Auditor in the office of the Internal Auditor of the Columbus Consolidated Government since December, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Internal Auditor is tasked with performing internal audits on every department within the CCG and transition audits for every department head and elected official; and

WHEREAS, the office's diligence and attention to detail have saved the CCG millions of dollars since the creation of the office in 2008; and

WHEREAS, during a transition audit which began in 2019, Elizabeth Barfield played a significant role in the discovery of financial criminal activity engaged in by a former employee in the Clerk of Superior Court's Office; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Barfield discovered the misappropriation of funds by a former employee and immediately began an investigation; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Barfield worked closely with the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office for two years which allowed the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office to thoroughly investigate and prosecute on an accelerated timeline to ensure this matter was concluded as efficiently as possible; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth worked tirelessly and patiently with the FBI and the U.S attorney's office throughout the preparation of the criminal case, explaining complicated financial concepts and reviewing over 150 bank accounts; and

WHEREAS, the discovery and efforts made by Elizabeth Barfield resulted in the successful prosecution of the former employee.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

This Council expresses its deep appreciation to Forensic Auditor, Elizabeth Barfield for her service and dedication to the citizens of Columbus, Georgia.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____
Councilor Barnes voting _____
Councilor Cogle voting _____
Councilor Crabb voting _____
Councilor Davis voting _____
Councilor Garrett voting _____
Councilor House voting _____
Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Thomas voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

SANDRA T. DAVIS,
CLERK OF COUNCIL

B.H. "SKIP" HENDERSON,
MAYOR