

RESOLUTION 2025-RES-004

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL BONDS.

WHEREAS, the tax-exempt municipal bond market is a widely used source of capital for states, local governments, tribes, territories, and non-profit borrowers that finances a tremendous share of the nation's public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments finance about three-quarters of the public infrastructure in the United States and use tax-exempt bonds to do so, with the federal government providing only about one-quarter of the investment; and

WHEREAS, federal tax exemption for municipal bonds, dating back to the 1800s and incorporated into the modern tax code in 1913, has been crucial for state and local governments to affordably finance critical infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, tax-exempt bonds offer borrowers to achieve a multiplier effect of 2.11, meaning that for every dollar, borrowers achieve \$2.11 in borrowing cost savings thereby demonstrating the efficiency and effectiveness of this exemption in facilitating infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS, tax-exempt bonds provide for essential infrastructure projects, such as roads, bridges, utilities, broadband, and government facilities which are vital to the health and well-being of our community such that without such bonds, the cost of borrowing would be more expensive thereby causing an increase in taxes and fees that would place an undue burden on taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jonesboro ("Governing Body") find and determine that tax-exempt municipal bonds provide an opportunity for economic development within and around the City, for positive impact on well-being and quality of life, and for increased health and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of

Jonesboro as follows: The Governing Body hereby encourages the Georgia Congressional Delegation to assist the City of Jonesboro, Georgia by preserving the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds by supporting and ensuring the protection of the federal tax exemption of municipal bonds this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor Donya L. Sartor

Mayor pro tem Tracey Messick

Council Member Alfred Dixon

Council Member Don Dixon

Council Member Bobby Lester

Council Member Asjah Miller

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