

1     **STATE OF GEORGIA**

2     **COUNTY OF DEKALB**

3     **CITY OF STONECREST**

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5                             **RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_**

6     **A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**  
7     **STONECREST TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE FIVE ETHICS**  
8     **PRINCIPLES OF THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION CERTIFIED CITY OF**  
9     **ETHICS PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

10           **WHEREAS**, Article 1, Section 2, Paragraph 1 of the Georgia Constitution states all  
11     government, of right, originates with the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted  
12     solely for the good of the whole. Public officers are the trustees and servants of the people and are  
13     at all times amenable to them; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the Georgia Municipal Association(“GMA”) appointed an Ethics Task Force  
15     in 1998 to address concerns after a study showed a trend toward less confidence in public officials;  
16     and

17           **WHEREAS**, in September 1999 GMA implemented the Certified City of Ethics program;

18           **WHEREAS**, the City of Ethics program requires cities that wish to be named a City of  
19     Ethics adopt an ethics ordinance that contains at a minimum, definitions, an enumeration of  
20     permissible and impermissible activities by elected officials, due process procedures for elected  
21     officials charged with a violation of the ethics ordinance and punishment provisions for those  
22     officials who violate the ethics ordinance; and

23           **WHEREAS**, cities must also adopt a resolution acknowledging and subscribing to the five  
24 ethics principles of the GMA Certified City of Ethics program; and

25           **WHEREAS**, cities must submit a one-time application fee of \$85, the adopted legislation  
26 and a cover letter for review and approval by the Ethics Certification Committee; and

27           **WHEREAS**, the City of Stonecrest (“City”), wishes to be certified as a Certified City of  
28 Ethics under the GMA City of Ethics program ; and

29           **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2023 the City adopted an ethics ordinance satisfying the ethics  
30 ordinance requirements of GMA’s City of Ethics program; and

31           **WHEREAS**, the adoption of this resolution is the next step in satisfying the requirements  
32 of the GMA City of Ethics program.

33 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of the City of Stonecrest,  
34 Georgia, that as a group and as individuals, the governing authority subscribes to the following  
35 ethics principles and pledges to conduct its affairs accordingly:

36           \* Serve others, not ourselves

37           \* Use resources with efficiency and economy

38           \* Treat all people fairly

39           \* Use the power of our position for the well being of our constituents

40           \* Create an environment of honesty, openness and integrity

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42 **SO RESOLVED**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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