

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION RESPECT THE OGLETHORPE PLAN AND SAVANNAH'S
HISTORY IN SELECTING A FEDERAL COURTHOUSE ANNEX DESIGN ON
TELFAIR SQUARE**

WHEREAS, the Federal General Services Administration has generously agreed to subject the design of the Federal Courthouse Annex to Savannah's rigorous Landmark Historic District building approval process;

WHEREAS, the Federal plan to demolish its two existing buildings on Telfair Square provides a singular opportunity to design and erect a structure that is much more visually compatible with the neighborhood and the Landmark Historic District; and

WHEREAS, Telfair Square is one of Savannah's four original squares laid out by Gen. Oglethorpe, and remains one of our most important and picturesque squares; and

WHEREAS, President Street is part of the original and increasingly fragile Oglethorpe City plan which Savannah wishes to keep intact in accordance with Department of Interior guidelines for the Landmark Historic District designation; and

WHEREAS, secure annex parking should be reduced to the absolute minimum required and then placed underground to preserve the second trust lot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Savannah City Council respectfully requests that the General Services Administration continue to work with the appropriate design review elements and the citizenry of Savannah to design and erect a courthouse annex on Telfair Square that is visually compatible with the neighborhood, and of which we can all be proud.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2018

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

Attest:

Luciana M. Spracher, Acting Clerk of Council