

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL
346 THAT PROHIBITS RETALIATION BY A LANDLORD
AGAINST A TENANT FOR TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah supports HB 346, which ensures adequate living conditions for our citizens, and ensures adequate information is provided to cities with the information they need to enforce their local health, public safety, and safety codes.

WHEREAS, HB 346 seeks to protect families living in rental units facing mold, leaking roofs, rodent and insect infestations, lead, and other unsafe conditions, when they exercise their right to seek repairs and complain to their landlord and official code enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah supports providing the protections guaranteed under HB 346 to our citizens, in order to provide a level of comfort to tenants to report code violations but also protects landlords from unwarranted complaints and actions; and

WHEREAS, HB 346 would also allow Georgia to join 41 other states with non-retaliation statutes on the books, including our neighbors in Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah hereby expresses its approval and support for HB 346, and urges the Georgia General Assembly to take action and pass HB 346. It is time for our state to protect the rights of both landlords and tenants.

Approved, this 28th day of March, 2019.

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

Clerk of Council