

A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED IN SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2018 RENAISSANCE STRATEGIC VISIONING AND PLANNING (RSVP) PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah will be submitting an application to the Georgia Municipal Association, Georgia Cities Foundation, and Carl Vinson Institute of Government for the 2018 Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning (RSVP) program.

WHEREAS, communities selected to participate in the RSVP Program will work with University of Georgia staff to create a vision and development strategy for each city's downtown revitalization efforts. At the conclusion of the strategic visioning process, a final report with phased implementation recommendations will be presented to each city, and two communities will be selected from the application process to participate in the RSVP Program during 2018.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Master Plan was commissioned by the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority with support from the City of Savannah to define a community vision and frame design principles and land-use and development strategies for strategic public and private investments to continue fostering growth and diversity in Savannah's downtown business and neighborhood core while protecting its unique attributes; and

WHEREAS, by updating the Downtown Master Plan, the community will revisit the vision, update the plan's strategies, and expand the boundaries outside of the National Landmark Historic District to include surrounding neighborhoods and expansion areas; and

WHEREAS, community organizations have expressed an interest in participating in this effort; and

WHEREAS, the RSVP Program will meet strategic goals in the areas of public safety, neighborhood revitalization and economic strength and poverty reduction as outlined in the *Savannah Forward: Implementation Plan for City Strategic Plan*.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah that:

The City of Savannah will proceed in submitting an application to participate in the 2018 Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Program.

The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

Date: November 21, 2017

By: _____
Eddie DeLoach
Mayor