

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING A CAP ON VITAL RECORDS FEES TO BE
RETAINED AS COMPENSATION BY THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, approved by the voters of the State in November of 1982, and effective July 1, 1983, provides in Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I thereof, that the governing authority of the County may adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions and regulations; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 15-9-68 provides that the governing authority of the County may limit the amount of vital records fees that the Probate Judge may retain as compensation, which cap may be no lower than the amount of actual fees collected or \$7,500.00, whichever is less; and


WHEREAS, Probate Judge Melanie Bell and the governing authority of the County are in agreement to limit the amount of vital records fees retained as compensation to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, as follows:

1. There is hereby imposed a \$15,000.00 cap on the amount of vital records fees that the Probate Judge shall retain as compensation.
2. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-9-68, the Probate Judge shall prepare and submit a report at least quarterly to the governing authority of the County specifying the amount of vital records fees received during the quarter for which the report is submitted.

So resolved this 7th day of March 2017.

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Marcello Banes, Chairman

Attest:



Jackie Smith, County Clerk

