

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR VETO HB179
AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE

WHEREAS, the City of Roswell is a Georgia municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are the governing authority of the City of Roswell; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives and Senate have passed HB179; and

WHEREAS, HB179, as passed, allows billboard owners to clear cut trees within 250 feet of a state right-of-way fence or boundary and/or within 350 feet of the pavement edge; and

WHEREAS, HB179, as passed, prohibits any beautification projects that include the planting of trees in the right-of-way that may in the future obscure billboards; and

WHEREAS, HB179, as passed, removes many existing restrictions on the types of trees that billboard companies may remove; and

WHEREAS, HB179, as passed, gives the billboard industry credits for removing illegal signs toward their cost for tree removal and maintenance permits; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has revealed that their costs for managing the billboard program last year were \$915,000 but their revenues were only \$155,000 which caused the taxpayers to basically subsidize the billboard industry by \$760,000:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell and it is hereby resolved that the City of Roswell respectfully request that Governor Nathan Deal veto HB179 as passed for the protection of the citizens of Georgia.

Let a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the office of the Governor of the State of Georgia.

The above Resolution was read and approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell, Georgia on the 30th day of March, 2011.

Attest:

Marlee Press
Marlee Press, City Clerk

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