

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
IN SUPPORT OF GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
EXCHANGE ("GILEE") AT GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY'S  
ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES**

Under the direction of Dr. Robert R. Friedmann, Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange at Georgia State University, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners proclaims through this Resolution the invaluable service to Forsyth County and the State of Georgia of the work of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange ("GILEE") at Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

**WHEREAS**, in 1992, Georgia State University and Georgia law enforcement leaders came together in a joint project to establish the GILEE program; and

**WHEREAS**, the GILEE program is directed by Dr. Robert R. Friedmann, Professor Emeritus, Georgia State University, and is nationally and internationally known in the field of criminal justice and counter-terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the primary objectives of the GILEE program is to enhance inter-agency cooperation between State of Georgia law enforcement leaders and the Police agencies throughout the world as well as providing professional educational programs to senior Israeli law enforcement officials by exposing them to law enforcement practices in Georgia, and to offer a professional educational program to senior Georgia law enforcement officials by exposing them to law enforcement operations in Israel, primarily in the areas of counter-terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, in this post 9-11 period, it is essential that governmental agencies and countries share their knowledge and experiences to combat the immense threat of terrorism and increase public safety throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the GILEE program is an excellent example of how the exchange of information can serve to protect the citizens of Forsyth County and the State of Georgia. Since the program's inception, GILEE has hosted numerous delegations of foreign senior law enforcement officers in Georgia; similarly, numerous executive delegations from Georgia have visited other countries; and

**WHEREAS**, since the establishment of GILEE in 1992 it has carried out over 470 programs. Of those, 250 have been for over 1,600 law enforcement executives from more than 25 states and more than 25 countries. This includes specialized training of bomb disposal agents, crime laboratory specialists, and leadership development programs that are invaluable in furtherance of protecting Georgia citizens. GILEE also provided more than 220 special briefings, seminars, workshops and conferences for more than 32,000 law enforcement, public safety officials, and corporate security officers on homeland security and public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the GILEE program provided valuable assistance in matters of enhancing anti-terrorism efforts by protecting Olympic games' venues beginning with the Olympic Games in Atlanta (1996) through the games in Rio De Janeiro (2016), as well as the G-8 conference on Sea Island, Georgia in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, several members of Forsyth County law enforcement community actively participated in or worked with GILEE throughout many years of productive cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, GILEE is an award-winning program recognized by law enforcement agencies, professional associations and the Governor of the State of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Georgia House Resolution 617 (April, 2007) recognized "...the valuable service and hard work of Dr. Robert R. Friedmann on the GILEE program which has proven to be a tremendous asset to Georgia law enforcement and commend him for his success in bringing together Israel and the State of Georgia for the greater protection of the citizens of this state" and

**WHEREAS**, the GILEE program continues to focus its efforts on leadership development in the areas of homeland security and complex law enforcement operations, and

**WHEREAS**, anti-police and anti-Israel groups launched a propaganda campaign against U.S. police training in Israel under the misnomer of "Deadly Exchange." This campaign falsely claims that American officers learn police tactics in Israel which they apply in the U.S. to shoot to kill and to oppress minorities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY COMMISSION, FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA**, that GILEE has proven to be a tremendous asset to the law enforcement community in Forsyth County and the State of Georgia, and the exchange of law enforcement leaders between Israel and other countries, and the State of Georgia has further connected our governments in the fight against terrorism, against those who wish to do harm to our citizens, and to provide the best police practices to the communities they serve.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners commends GILEE for its long-standing record of delivery of high professional training



standards through its programs in Georgia and around the world, the innovative approaches it has introduced and the measurable value it has added to the law enforcement community in the State.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners flatly rejects claims that these professional training programs are being used to train law enforcement in tactical or military operational techniques designed to oppress or kill minorities or other members of the community. Not only do such claims lack any foundation in the facts or histories of such exchanges, but the inflammatory causal attribution that such training leads to deadly encounters in the US is utterly fallacious and slanderous. The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners unequivocally condemns such campaigns.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners is proud of its association with GILEE and fully supports GILEE and Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies valuable contribution to public safety in our county, in the State, and beyond. The Commission is looking forward to continuing its productive relationship with GILEE for many years to come.

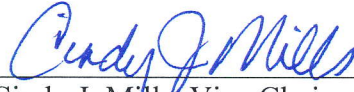
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Robert R. Friedmann, on behalf of Georgia State University and the GILEE program.

Be it resolved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

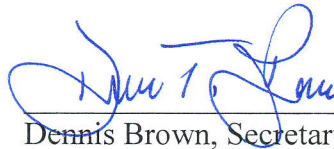
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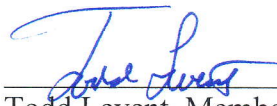
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Attest:



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