

Title: Resolution to Recognize and Address the Wealth Gap Between Blacks and Whites in the State of Georgia

Whereas, The historical legacy of slavery, post-slavery discriminatory laws such as Black Codes and Jim Crow laws have laid the foundation for enduring economic disparities in Georgia;

Whereas, Housing practices like redlining have historically prevented Black families from acquiring homes in economically prosperous areas;

Whereas, Schools in predominantly Black neighborhoods have historically received fewer resources, affecting the quality of education and future economic potential;

Whereas, The labor market, credit access, and systemic racism in various institutions have demonstrated evidence of racial biases, further exacerbating economic disparities;

Whereas, The disproportionate incarceration of Black individuals under policies like the "three strikes" law negatively affects earning potential and employment opportunities;

Whereas, Limited access to credit, generational wealth transfer barriers, health disparities, and social network disparities have consistently challenged Black communities' economic stability;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that.

1. The Contract with Black Georgia signers formally acknowledges the historical and current factors contributing to the wealth gap between its Black and White residents.
2. The Contract with Black Georgia signers commits to rectifying these disparities through comprehensive reviews, policy changes, and future legislation.
3. The Contract with Black Georgia signers commits to ensuring that the educational curriculums reflect a complete and accurate account of the history of racial disparities.
4. The Contract with Black Georgia signers commits to promoting policies that counteract historical redlining, support homeownership in disenfranchised communities, and ensure equal access to quality education.
5. The Contract with Black Georgia signers commits to strengthening anti-discrimination laws in labor markets and actively addressing racial biases in policing, sentencing, and other areas of the criminal justice system.
6. The Contract with Black Georgia signers commits to encouraging policies and programs fostering wealth-building in Black communities, enhancing healthcare access, promoting diversity in professional spaces, and rooting out institutional biases.
7. This resolution formally declares the Contract with Black Georgia's signers' commitment to bridging the wealth gap and ensuring equity for all its residents.