## ARESOLUTION 201398

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston recognizes that same-sex partnerships are just as valid and deserving of respect and recognition as opposite-sex partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston recognizes that Georgia law currently does not permit same-sex partners to be legally married, therefore leaving it to local jurisdictions to recognize same-sex partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston desires to provide for the official recognition and registry of same-sex partnerships, as well as opposite-sex partnerships, residing within the city; and

WHEREAS, a "domestic partnership" for the purpose of this resolution is defined as two people of opposite or same gender who live together in the mutually intended interdependence of a single home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Clarkston, that the city manager is hereby directed to receive requests for domestic partnership certificates and, upon a showing by the applicants that they are bona fide domestic partners residing within the city, to place such partnerships on a registry to be maintained at City Hall.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon registry of a domestic partnership pursuant to this resolution, the Mayor will sign and issue a certificate of domestic partnership to the domestic partners so recognized.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of wavembes,

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OR CLARKSTON, GEORGIA

Emanuel Ransom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Ashby, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen Quinn, City Attorney