County of Fayette;
State of Georgia

RESOLUTION 2013-22

A RESOLUTION ASKING FACEBOOK TO PROTECT OUR TEENAGERS FROM PREDATORS AND ABUSES OF PRIVACY

WHEREAS, The Internet is a tool of historical importance in research, communication and commerce; and

WHEREAS, The Internet also poses a threat related to cybercrime, misinformation and intrusions of privacy; and

WHEREAS, Our children and teenagers are especially vulnerable to the predatory acts of strangers via the Internet; and

WHEREAS, Our children and teenagers are susceptible to harm on the Internet from having less impulse control, being vulnerable to peer pressure and not having enough maturity to distinguish trouble; and

WHEREAS, Facebook, a visible champion of Internet social responsibility for years, has proposed significant site policy changes that would allow teenagers to post updates, videos and images that can be viewed by anyone, not just their friends or people who know their friends; and

WHEREAS, Facebook's policy change can expose teenagers to new online threats from cyber bullies and sexual predators by encouraging more public sharing; and

WHEREAS, Facebook's new policy also gives them the right to take posts from teenagers, without permission, and turn them into advertising made available to anyone who could have seen the original post; so

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County does hereby formally request that Facebook withdraw any plans to expose our teenagers to serious threats on the Internet in an attempt to increase profits by leaving our young people dangerously exposed in order to attract more advertising.

So resolved this 24th day of October 2013, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Attest:

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Steve Brown, Chairman

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Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk