## Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax V Resolution

**WHEREAS**, both Atlanta Public and Fulton County School Systems student enrollment are projected to increase over the next five years, and

**WHEREAS**, technology equipment, such as computers, printers and software, needs to be continually upgraded and refreshed to keep our students learning on current equipment, and

**WHEREAS**, due to HOPE and Pre-K funding requirements, no funds have been available from the Georgia Lottery to fund K-12 programs or classroom technology, and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Georgia does not provide sufficient funding for maintenance of existing schools, and

**WHEREAS**, sales tax funding is a "pay as you go" approach that incurs no long term debt with interest payments and allows more tax collections to go directly towards pre-specified classroom capital and technology expenses, and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Georgia has made austerity cuts to the K-12 education funding of over \$5 billion in the past 5 years, requiring local systems to shoulder an increasing percentage of the cost of education;

## NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED,** that the Georgia PTA District 10 supports the continued use of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to fund the construction of educational facilities, school renovations, technology and equipment, and other capital outlay needs, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Georgia PTA District 10 urges its members and the community to vote YES to reauthorize the Education SPLOST for the Atlanta Public and Fulton County School Systems.