

AFFIRMATION ATLANTA from Summit Leadership Conference

We the undersigned citizens of Atlanta, Georgia are seriously concerned about the welfare and progress of our city. We have noted with pride the substantial progress which has been made in many areas of our social, civic and economic life, particularly in the last five years. For the first time many of us feel that we are not only a part of the city, but that we have deep and significant stakes in its welfare and in its progress. We realize that while we have made progress, there are still areas in which we need to make more significant advances and these with haste. We are disturbed, however, that there appear to be elements in the city which do not have the total welfare at heart of the groups which they appear to represent. These individuals, we are afraid, believe that progress can be made through disturbing the best rather than working with the wholesome elements in our population to keep Atlanta headed in the right direction. We want all good citizens to know that while we deplore certain shortcomings to be found in our social, economic and civic life, that we do not feel that violence or breaking of laws is useful in helping us to achieve the complete human equality for which we work and for which we will continue diligently to strive. We pledge our strong cooperation with all the forces of law and order that Atlanta will become a completely open city which we desire . . . where every man regardless of his social, racial or economic status will have completely those opportunities for the good life available to any other citizen. In attestation

of these ideas, we the undersigned pledge to our fellow-men in the
City of Atlanta our most ardent efforts and our continuous help.

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