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The Voice of Atlanta's Conscience

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the peace and good order of Atlanta were shattered recently by the street riots in the Capitol Avenue and Boulevard areas of the city; and

WHEREAS there existed violence and racial tension that presented a potential threat to the entire community, and that did in fact involve the heinous murder of a Negro youth; now

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Greater Atlanta Council of Churches does hereby look with dismay upon such lawlessness and deplore such needless killing; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Committee commend the Mayor of Atlanta for his prompt, courageous and effective leadership in controlling the violence and the restoring of order; the policemen employed in the civil strife for performing their duties efficiently with due regard to the protection of life and property; and the group of responsible Negro leaders who answered the call for assistance from the Mayor and were a major force in turning the tide away from strife and chaos.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we recognize the social ills which exist in our community and that we encourage and support our civic authorities in their expressed desire to bring about a greater degree of human dignity and opportunity for underprivileged elements of our population; that we urge proper regard for law and order at all times; that we give thanks for the climate of good will and brotherhood which in large measure has characterized Atlanta; and that earnest prayer be made for the love of God and the spirit of Christ to enter more fully the hearts of all our people to the end that better understanding exist between the races and justice and righteousness prevail in our relationships one with another.

Adopted September 30, 1966  
Executive Committee, Greater Atlanta Council of Churches

Robert L. McBeth, Secy.  
Signed:

Group endorsement