

**RESOLUTION
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**A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE
2012 CITY OF SELMA WARD REALIGNMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Selma is divided by eight (8) single member districts which boundaries also establish the municipal voting districts for the City of Selma (also hereinafter referred to as wards); *and*

WHEREAS, the existing voting districts were created and established by the City Council of the City of Selma pursuant to Ala. Code §11-42-75 and in accordance with the requirements and restrictions set forth in §5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as last revised; *and*

WHEREAS, data collected by the 2010 United States Census has compelled the governing body of the Selma, Alabama to initiate the redistricting process whereby the boundary lines of districts within the corporate limits of the City are to be re-established; *and*

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Selma has the authority to realign the wards of the City pursuant to Ala. Code §11-42-75 and in accordance with the requirements and restrictions set forth in §5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as last revised, with oversight and approval of the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section; *and*

WHEREAS, City Council acknowledges its duty to establish boundary lines and voting districts that are representative of the City's demographics as to prevent the dilution of the voting power of its constituents pursuant to the laws of the State and §5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as last revised.

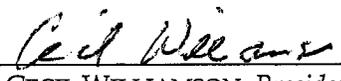
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA that after conducting its due diligence review and study of the 2010 United States Census, the City Council hereby resolves to proceed with the process to redistrict and reapportion ward boundary lines which may be necessary for the upcoming municipal election to be held August 28, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The City Attorney is hereby instructed to draft an Ordinance to Redistrict and Reapportion the boundaries of the eight single member districts (wards) of the City of Selma which said ordinance shall reflect Version Five of the five (5) proposed plans created by the City Council; *and*
2. The Selma City Council desires to hold at least one (1) public forum prior to the adoption of such Ordinance to give the public an opportunity to speak for or against the proposed changes to the City's ward boundary lines; *and*

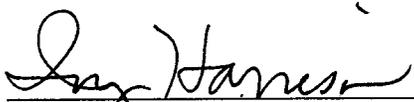
3. After the adoption of such Ordinance, the City Attorney shall, within five (5) days of its passage, file said Ordinance with the Judge of Probate of Dallas County, Alabama together with a map or plat of the City showing the boundaries of all wards and voting districts as therein established and set forth; *and*
4. Said Ordinance shall also be published in the Selma Times Journal one (1) time together with a map showing the boundaries of all wards and voting districts; *and*
5. The City Attorney shall forward a copy of the Ordinance to Redistrict and Reapportion the boundaries to the Voting Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice pursuant to requirements of §5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as last revised.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA
on this the 3rd day of February, 2012.



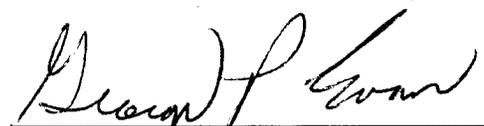
DR. CECIL WILLIAMSON, *President*

ATTEST:



IVY HARRISON, *City Clerk*

APPROVED:



GEORGE P. EVANS, *Mayor*