

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2018-\_\_\_\_\_**

**BY THE MAYOR**

**DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO TAKE THE ACTION NECESSARY TO PERMANENTLY CEASE RECEIVING IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT DETAINEES UNDER THE CURRENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ATLANTA AND THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE PRISONER OPERATIONS DIVISION; AND DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF CORRECTIONS TO FORMALLY REQUEST THAT THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, (ICE), TRANSFER ALL CURRENT ICE DETAINEES HELD AT THE ATLANTA CITY DETENTION CENTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**WHEREAS**, in March 2010, the City of Atlanta entered into an agreement with the United States Marshals Service Prisoner Operations Division for the housing safekeeping, and subsistence of federal prisoners in the Atlanta City Detention Center; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to this agreement, the City of Atlanta housed United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, (ICE), detainees in the Atlanta City Detention Center, resulting in their not being housed in private, substandard, for profit facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in early to mid-2018, the Trump Administration's Zero-Tolerance immigration policy resulted in the detention and separation of hundreds of families at the nation's southern border, garnering major news coverages and sparking widespread condemnation across the political spectrum; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2018 I signed Executive Order Number 2018-04 which stated that "[t]he City of Atlanta shall not accept any new Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees until the receipt of assurance that the Trump administration's policy of separating immigrant children from their parents at the United States / Mexico border . . . ha[s] ceased"; and

**WHEREAS**, shortly thereafter, I convened an Advisory Committee on Immigrant Detention to provide recommendations on the best path forward for the City of Atlanta on the question of its agreement by which it housed non-citizen adults at the Atlanta Detention Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Advisory Committee included immigrant detention experts including private and non-profit attorneys, advocates, City of Atlanta Department of Corrections staff, representatives from ICE; and

**WHEREAS**, contributors met in person and via phone over a series of six meetings over six weeks, one of which included participation by members of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 15, 2018, the Advisory Committee on Immigrant Detention issued their report and recommended to me that the City of Atlanta should indefinitely decline to accept any new ICE detainees; and

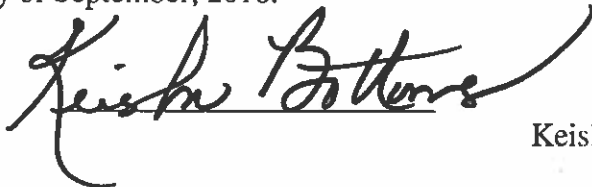
**WHEREAS**, I agree with the Advisory Committee's assessment that detention and family separation should be avoided at all costs for non-violent immigration offenders even though conditions at the Atlanta City Detention Center are better than those at other facilities; thus, it is my desire to accept and implement their recommendation.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, HEREBY AUTHORIZE, ORDER AND DIRECT AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Chief of the City of Atlanta Department of Corrections shall take the necessary action to permanently cease receiving immigration and customs enforcement detainees under the current agreement with the United States Marshals Service Prisoner Operations Division for the housing safekeeping, and subsistence of federal prisoners in the Atlanta City Detention Center.

Additionally, that the Chief of the City of Atlanta Department of Corrections shall formally request that the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, (ICE), transfer all current ICE detainees as soon as possible.

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipal Clark