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**City of East Point Named a City of Civility by Georgia Municipal Association**

**EAST POINT, GA**-The City of East Point has been designated as a City of Civility by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). On February 20, 2023, East Point City Council adopted a “Resolution Pledging to Promote Civility in the City of East Point” as part of GMA’s new Embrace Civility program.

A 2019 poll by Weber Shandwick revealed that over 90% percent of Americans believe that incivility is a problem, with nearly 68% percent identifying it as a major problem. Civility is more than just politeness. It is about disagreeing without disrespect, seeking common ground as a starting point for dialogue about differences, listening past one’s preconceptions and teaching others to do the same.

“Participating in GMA’s Embrace Civility Program is an opportunity to normalize civility and mutual respect,” said Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham. “We are committed to engaging in civil discourse, as we govern, engage our community and conduct city business in a way that promotes the common good and well-being of East Pointers and the City as a whole.”

GMA, in partnership with the Association’s nonprofit organization, Georgia City Solutions, created the Embrace Civility program to equip Georgia’s cities with resources to create more civility in their meetings and among their residents and meeting attendees. Civil behavior and speech are critically important to a healthy, functional, and respectful society. For public service to be effective, there must be an atmosphere of respect and tolerance and a commitment to a healthy public exchange of diverse ideas and viewpoints.

“I commend the City of East Point for embracing civility and adopting the resolution to become a GMA City of Civility,” said GMA CEO and Executive Director Larry Hanson. “We believe that Georgia’s cities have a great platform to model open, free, and vigorous debate, while maintaining the highest standards of civility, honesty, and mutual respect.”

To become a City of Civility, city councils are required to adopt a Civility Resolution and pledge to engage in civil behavior with each other as well as with residents and meeting attendees. Cities also have a civility pledge that can be published or recited at meetings. Learn more about the Embrace Civility program at [www.gacities.com/civility](http://www.gacities.com/civility).



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**About The City of East Point**

*The City of East Point is approximately 14.7 square miles with a population of over 38,000. Located southwest of Atlanta, East Point is conveniently located minutes away from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. This quaint urban community's prime location, numerous retail, and great restaurants make it an attractive place for a "live-work-play-shop-stay" environment because there's no point like East Point. For more information about the City of East Point visit [www.eastpointcity.org](http://www.eastpointcity.org). Also like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofeastpoint/](https://www.facebook.com/cityofeastpoint/) and follow us on twitter @cityofeastpoint, snapchat @cityofep1, or instagram @cityofeastpoint.*

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