

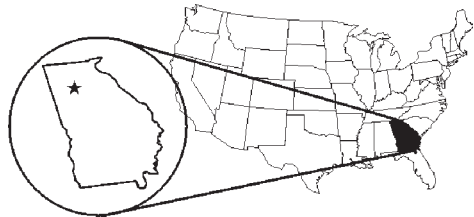
# ATLANTA, GEORGIA ★



*Population Rank:* U.S. .... # 39  
Georgia ..... # 1

*Proportions:* 2:3 (usage)

*Adopted:* Unknown



**DESIGN:** Atlanta's flag centers the city seal in gold outline on a blue field. On a field of 2 by 3 units, the seal's diameter is roughly 1.5 units. The city seal features a phoenix, with eight rays ringing its head, rising from flames. Above the phoenix is **RESURGENS**. Around the lower edge is **1847 ATLANTA, GA. 1865**. The two dates, although appearing below the wings of the phoenix, are oriented clockwise to read in the direction of "**RESURGENS**"; the city's name and state abbreviation run counterclockwise. The seal is edged with a solid line, within which is a double beaded line; the phoenix's wings extend slightly beyond the outermost line. All letters are in an outline font.

**SYMBOLISM:** The phoenix refers to the rising of the city from the ashes of its destruction in the Civil War. An official pamphlet explains: *Just as the phoenix, fabled bird of myth and story, rose from its ashes to begin a new life, the people of Atlanta returned to the ashes of their city without bitterness or self-pity, and began the gigantic task which lay before them. Their seal is an enduring symbol of the courage, vision and selflessness they brought to that task ... reminders of a gallant past, of the civic spirit which will make tomorrow the full realization of today's hopes and plans.* (In Latin, *Resurgens* means "Rising again".)

**HOW SELECTED:** Officially adopted by ordinance of the city council (date unknown).

**DESIGNER:** Information unavailable.

**MORE ABOUT THE FLAG:** Atlanta adopted its charter and seal in 1847. In 1865, rebuilding of the city began after the devastation of the Civil War. The ordinance of adoption also mentions a city pennant and a city ensign, but it is uncertain if these have ever been used.

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