

1 **A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A “HEALTHY WOMEN, HEALTHY FAMILIES”**
2 **GRANT PROGRAM IN FULTON COUNTY; TO PROVIDE \$1M IN ANNUAL FUNDING**
3 **FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND ORGANIZATIONS FOCUSED ON**
4 **IMPROVING WOMEN’S HEALTH OUTCOMES AND ENSURING ACCESS TO**
5 **QUALITY CARE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

6 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners is committed to improving
7 the health and well-being of all its residents and recognizes that women face significant
8 and well-documented health disparities across a broad range of conditions including
9 chronic disease, maternal health, cancer, mental health, and gender-based violence; and

10 **WHEREAS**, women’s health research remains severely underfunded, limiting
11 evidence-based care and constraining the development of treatments and interventions
12 for conditions that disproportionately affect women; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the health of women is directly linked to the health and stability of their
14 families, as women disproportionately serve as caregivers and often manage medical,
15 nutritional, and emotional support for children, partners, and aging parents; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Georgia consistently ranks near the bottom nationally for women’s
17 health access, affordability, and outcomes, reflecting systemic underinvestment in
18 women’s health services and community-based health support; and

19 **WHEREAS**, heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in Georgia, yet
20 women are less likely than men to be diagnosed promptly and are up to 50% less likely
21 to receive recommended treatments such as stents or bypass surgery after a heart attack;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death among
24 Georgia women, cervical cancer mortality remains preventable yet disproportionately
25 impacts Black women, and ovarian cancer has a five-year survival rate of roughly 49%
26 when diagnosed at later stages; and

1 **WHEREAS**, domestic violence remains a major threat to women’s health as 70%
2 of reported victims in Georgia are women, and homicide is the leading cause of death for
3 pregnant and postpartum women; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Georgia’s maternal mortality rate of 37.9 deaths per 100,000 live
5 births remains among the highest in the nation, with the vast majority of these deaths
6 being preventable and Black women dying at more than twice the rate of white women;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, Georgia’s Six-Week Abortion Ban has created confusion and fear of
9 prosecution among health care providers regarding emergency exceptions and has
10 resulted in delays or denial of medically necessary, life-saving care; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County has been under a Healthcare State of Emergency since
12 November of 2022 (Resolution 22-0830) due to the closure of two hospitals in south
13 Fulton County, which resulted in the loss of many women’s specialists and a birthing
14 center in that area and further exacerbated the disparity in health access and outcomes
15 for women in Fulton County; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners has established a strong
17 precedent for addressing critical issues facing our citizens by funding community partners
18 through grant programs designed to advance public health, safety, and community well-
19 being.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
21 Commissioners hereby establishes the Healthy Women, Healthy Families Grant Program
22 to strengthen and expand access to high-quality health services for women across Fulton
23 County.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Healthy Women, Healthy Families Grant
2 Program will follow the structure and operational framework of the Community Services
3 Program (CSP) and will provide **\$1,000,000** annually in grants to eligible women’s health
4 organizations serving women residing in Fulton County.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that organizations who provide services, support,
6 or advocacy related to reproductive health, maternal health, women’s cancers, mental
7 health, senior women’s health, gender-based violence prevention, chronic disease
8 management, or any other condition that uniquely or disproportionately impacts women
9 may apply for grants from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if passed under separate resolution, the newly
11 established Fulton County Women’s Commission is to serve as the selection committee
12 for the grant awards.

13 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the County Manager shall deliver a full
14 implementation plan, including eligibility criteria, application processes, and performance
15 measures to the Board of Commissioners by no later than April 1, 2026, so that the 2026
16 grant process can be completed and awards made by the end of 2026.

17 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
18 Georgia, this 3rd day of December 2025.

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Clerk to the Commission

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