

1 **A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY ACROSS FULTON COUNTY;**
2 **TO INCREASE COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS TO NON-PROFIT PARTNERS AND**
3 **SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS IN RESPONSE TO THE LOSS OF FUNDING FOR**
4 **SNAP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Georgia Constitution Art. 9, §2, ¶ 1(a), the Fulton County
7 Board of Commissioners has the power to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances,
8 resolutions, or regulations relating to Fulton County's property, affairs, and local
9 government for which no provision has been made by general law and which is not
10 inconsistent with the state constitution or any local law applicable thereto; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the critical
12 importance of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), a federally
13 funded, state-administered program that enables individuals and families with low
14 incomes to purchase the nutritious food necessary to maintain health and well-being;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, SNAP benefits are distributed through electronic benefit cards that
17 can be used at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other approved vendors, thereby
18 ensuring access to healthy food options within the community; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the SNAP program significantly reduces hunger and food insecurity,
20 and promotes household stability; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, approximately 145,000 Fulton County residents,
22 representing nearly 13.5% of the County's population, received assistance through
23 SNAP; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in the second quarter of 2025, approximately 76,000 Fulton County
25 households continue to rely on SNAP benefits as a primary source of nutritional
26 support; and

27 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that roughly one in six households in Fulton County

28 depend on SNAP benefits to meet basic food needs; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the

30 cessation of SNAP benefits may create hardships in paying utility bills timely; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners declares its continued

32 commitment to combating food insecurity across the County.

33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County shall increase its

34 aggregate contributions to nine (9) non-profit organizations to which it already

35 contributes, by an additional Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), to be

36 distributed among those organizations.

37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an additional One Hundred Fifty Thousand

38 Dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be allocated to the Senior Support Strategy, to be

39 distributed as follows:

40 1) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to Winter Farmers Markets, which will

41 provide seasonal fruits and vegetables to local residents;

42 2) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to Nutritional Assistance Program,

43 through which registered seniors receiving SNAP benefits may receive a to-

44 go meal at no cost when purchasing a meal at regular price at any Fulton

45 County Senior Multipurpose Center; and

46 3) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to Home Delivered Meals, which

47 provides additional shelf stable meal packages for existing clients.

48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an additional Fifty Thousand Dollars
49 (\$50,000.00) shall be contributed to the Fulton Fresh Program, to provide additional
50 distribution of fresh produce throughout the County.

51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these contributions be distributed in
52 accordance with the guidance from the Fulton County Manager, who shall coordinate
53 with the Department of Community Development, Department of External Affairs, and
54 other appropriate County Departments to ensure these funds are allocated equitably,
55 transparently, and in a manner that maximizes their impact in reducing food insecurity.

56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners directs the
57 Departments of Finance and Public Works to refrain from terminating the water services
58 of any residential customer due to non-payment from November 5th, 2025 through
59 December 31st , 2025, or ~~when the federal shutdown ends~~ until such time as SNAP
60 benefits are restored.

61 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** additional aid will be considered on a month-to-
62 month basis pending the continuation of the federal shutdown.

63 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately
64 upon adoption.

65 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
66 Georgia this 5th day of November, 2025.

69 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
70 **COMMISSIONERS**

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90 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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SPONSORED BY:

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)

ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission