

1 **A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FOOD DONATIONS FROM INTOWN COLLABORATIVE**
2 **MINISTRIES, INC. AND ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK, INC. AND TO ACCEPT**
3 **NALOXONE AND FENTANYL TESTING STRIPS FROM GEORGIA HARM**
4 **REDUCTION COALITION, INC. TO SUPPORT THE OUTREACH EFFORTS OF THE**
5 **FULTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND**
6 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES' DEFLECTION TEAM; AND FOR OTHER**
7 **PURPOSES.**

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9 **WHEREAS**, annually, the Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health and
10 Developmental Disabilities ("DBHDD") provides services for over 2,600 people
11 with mental health issues and Substance Use Disorders ("SUD") at five (5) sites
12 throughout Fulton County; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, DBHDD services include screening, assessment, specialty
15 outpatient treatment, and individual and group therapy provided through contracts with
16 community-based providers; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, in partnership with the Atlanta/Fulton County Prearrest Diversion
19 Initiative, Inc. ("PAD"), DBHDD created the Fulton County Diversion and Deflection
20 Recovery Program ("FDR") in 2023 to respond to substance use, promote public safety,
21 and support access to SUD treatment and recovery services for individuals in Fulton
22 County, Georgia; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Deflection Team conducts deflection outreach to
25 targeted areas of high crime and high usage in North and South Fulton to connect
26 individuals with needed SUD services with the goal of preventing these individuals'
27 involvement with the criminal justice system; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, Intown Collaborative Ministries, Inc. (d/b/a as Intown Cares) ("Intown
30 Cares"), is a Georgia non-profit corporation that operates the Intown Cares Food Pantry,
31 a client-choice food pantry open to anyone experiencing food insecurity; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Inc. ("Atlanta Food Bank") is a

1 Georgia non-profit corporation that works with hundreds of community-based partners,
2 including food pantries, community kitchens, childcare centers, shelters, and senior
3 centers, to distribute an average of 10 million pounds of food each month, or
4 approximately 9 million meals to those who are food insecure in 29 counties across metro
5 Atlanta and north Georgia; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Georgia Harm Reduction Coalition, Inc. (“GHRC”) is a Georgia non-
8 profit corporation that engages in grassroots advocacy, research, and direct service
9 aimed at supporting individuals made vulnerable by various factors, including drug use,
10 sex work, overdose, gender-related issues, sexually transmitted infections (“STIs”), HIV,
11 hepatitis, and other communicable diseases; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, GHRC’s primary objective is to facilitate closer access to prevention
14 and health services free of charge for those involved in high-risk activities, irrespective of
15 their choices, circumstances, or lifestyle; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County Code (“FCC”) § 1-117 allows the Board of
18 Commissioners to exercise exclusive jurisdiction and control over collecting and
19 appropriating money for its use and benefit, and for the promotion of health; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, Intown Cares and the Atlanta Food Bank have offered to donate food
22 to Fulton County for distribution by the Fulton County DBHDD Deflection Team as part of
23 its community outreach; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, GHRC has agreed to donate naloxone and fentanyl testing strips to
26 Fulton County for use by the Fulton County DBHDD Deflection Team as a part of its
27 outreach efforts to deflect those struggling with substance use issues from jail into
28 treatment.

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
31 Commissioners hereby approves and accepts the ongoing food donations from Intown

1 Cares and the Atlanta Food Bank with an undetermined value on behalf of the Fulton
2 County Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities' Deflection
3 Team, for the purposes of providing healthy food to individuals in the community during
4 the Deflection Team's outreach efforts.

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6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
7 hereby approves and accepts the ongoing naloxone and fentanyl testing strip donations
8 from Georgia Harm Reduction Coalition, Inc. with an undetermined value for use by the
9 Fulton County Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities'
10 Deflection Team as part of its outreach efforts to deflect those struggling with substance
11 use issues from jail into treatment.

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13 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective when
14 adopted, and that all resolutions and provisions of the Code of Laws in conflict with this
15 Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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17 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 19 day of March, 2025.

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21 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
22 **COMMISSIONERS**

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24 **SPONSORED BY:**

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27 Chairman Robert L. Pitts (At-Large)

28 ITEM #25-025 SRM 3 / 19 / 25
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