

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO**
2 **EQUALIZE THE 2026 COST OF LIVING INCREASES IN PENSION BENEFITS; AND**
3 **FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
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5 **WHEREAS**, there are numerous employees of Fulton County who have retired on
6 small pensions, and who have the need for increased pension benefits to account for
7 increases in the cost of living; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners of Fulton Count (“BOC”) is authorized
10 pursuant to 1978 Ga. Laws, p. 2383 (continued by 1986 Ga. Laws, p. 4041) to increase
11 retirement or pension benefits for retirees provided the increases are from the County
12 General Fund and not from the Fulton County Teachers’ Retirement Fund; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, retirees registered in the pension plans of 1982, 1991 Defined Benefit,
15 and Enhanced Defined Benefit Plans are and have been automatically granted a three
16 percent (3%) Cost of Living Adjustment (“COLA”) effective on January 1st in the years
17 where the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) is over the calculated threshold; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, such CPI calculations mandate the automatic 3% COLA for 2026 for
20 such 1982, 1991 Defined Benefit, and Enhanced Defined Benefit Plans; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to extend equal benefits effective
23 April 1, 2026, to the other pensioners whose plans do not include the automatic COLA.
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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton
26 County pursuant to the authority contained in the amendment to the Constitution of
27 Georgia appearing in Ga. Laws 1974, page 1809, as follows:
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29 **SECTION I**

30 Effective April 1, 2026, the pension benefits of all retired individuals, including
31 beneficiaries, who are entitled to receive pension payments from the Fulton County
32 General Employees’ Pension Fund, the Fulton County Judges and Solicitors’ General

1 Retirement Fund, or the Public Safety Fund who are not eligible to receive cost of living
2 increases automatically through their pension plans, and also, individuals whose
3 pensions are payable directly from County funds, are hereby increased by three percent
4 (3%).

5 **SECTION II**

6 All funds necessary to pay the increased benefits authorized by this Resolution
7 shall be paid from General Funds of Fulton County.

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9 **SECTION III**

10 This Resolution shall become effective on the 1st day of April, 2026.

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15 Robert L. Pitts, Chairman
16 Fulton County Board of Commissioners
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18 **ATTEST:**

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23 Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission
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25 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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30 Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney