

1 **A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THAT REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ARE HUMAN**
2 **RIGHTS; TO CONDEMN THE CRIMINALIZATION OF ABORTION AND RELATED**
3 **SERVICES; TO URGE THE GEORGIA STATE LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL THE SIX-**
4 **WEEK ABORTION BAN THAT ENDANGERS LIVES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

5 **WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court in *Dobbs v.*
6 *Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, (597 U.S. 215 (2022)) overturned *Roe v. Wade*,
7 (410 U.S. 113 (1973)) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, (50 U.S. 833 (1992)), and
8 eliminated the Federal constitutional right to abortion in the United States; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Georgia’s Six-Week Abortion Ban (HB 481) was signed into law on
10 May 7, 2019, and, after a series of court challenges, became enforceable on July 20,
11 2022, following the *Dobbs* decision; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the very real fear of criminalization and prosecution under Georgia’s
13 Six-Week Abortion Ban is keeping women in Georgia from seeking care and doctors
14 from providing it; and

15 **WHEREAS**, at least two metro-Atlanta women, Amber Thurman and Candi
16 Miller, have already died as a result of Georgia’s Six-Week Abortion Ban while others
17 have been forced to carry nonviable pregnancies to term; and

18 **WHEREAS**, women who miscarry in Georgia are being denied critical treatment,
19 and risk being criminalized for seeking life-saving care; and

20 **WHEREAS**, no doctor, nurse, or other healthcare professional should be
21 criminalized for providing essential health care; and

22 **WHEREAS**, punishing women for how their pregnancy ends, for the
23 circumstances of their pregnancy, or for accessing essential reproductive and sexual
24 health care violates their human rights; and

25 **WHEREAS** the number of Georgia women traveling out of state for abortions
26 spiked from 250 in 2021 to more than 9,000 in 2023; and

27 **WHEREAS** the need to travel out of state for reproductive care is not financially
28 or logistically viable for many; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Georgia’s abortion ban is inherently discriminatory as it
30 disproportionately harms patients who are Black, younger, and in lower socioeconomic
31 status groups; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners (BOC) is committed to
33 addressing health inequity and improving health outcomes, and passed Resolution 25-
34 0896 to address maternal and infant mortality rates; and

35 **WHEREAS**, the BOC is committed to ensuring the human rights of all its citizens
36 and recognizes that treaties ratified by the United States should be upheld at the
37 Federal, State, and local level as they are considered the “supreme Law of the Land”
38 under clause 2 of Article VI of the United States Constitution; and

39 **WHEREAS**, the United States is bound by the International Covenant on Civil
40 and Political Rights, ratified on June 8, 1992, which protects the rights to life, privacy,
41 equality, and freedom from cruel or inhuman treatment—rights that international experts
42 have repeatedly affirmed apply to women’s access to safe and timely reproductive
43 healthcare; and

44 **WHEREAS**, the United States is bound by the Convention on the Elimination of
45 All Forms of Racial Discrimination, ratified on October 21, 1994, which requires
46 governments to prevent racial disparities in healthcare and ensure equal access to
47 medical care, including reproductive and maternal health services; and

48 **WHEREAS**, the United States is bound by the Convention Against Torture,
49 ratified on October 21, 1994, which prohibits government actions that cause severe
50 physical or mental suffering, and has been interpreted to include the denial of essential
51 reproductive healthcare when it endangers a woman’s health or life; and

52 **WHEREAS**, in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly—including the United
53 States—adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, establishing universal
54 rights and freedom for all people, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language,
55 political opinion, national origin, or other status,

56 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
57 Commissioners affirms that reproductive rights are human rights and recognizes that
58 defending these rights is a necessary part of its long-standing commitment to the health
59 and wellbeing of its citizens.

60 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
61 condemns the criminalization of reproductive care, and abortion and related services.

62 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
63 urges the Georgia General Assembly and the Governor of Georgia to repeal the harmful
64 and life-threatening six-week abortion ban.

65 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon adoption, that the Clerk to the
66 Commission is directed to send copies of this Resolution to each member of the
67 Georgia General Assembly, including to the Fulton County delegation to the Georgia
68 House of Representatives.

69 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall become effective upon its
70 adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution,

71 are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

72 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,

73 Georgia, this 3rd day of December, 2025.

74 **FULTON COUNTY**
75 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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77 **Sponsored by:**

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81 Dana Barrett, Commissioner
82 (District 3)

83 **ATTEST:**

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88 Tonya R. Grier,
89 Clerk to the Commission

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91 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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