

1 **RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FULTON COUNTY TO**
2 **PROVIDE INITIAL FISCAL RESOURCES TO FUND THE FULTON TECHNOLOGY**
3 **AND ENERGY ENHANCEMENT AUTHORITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton Technology and Energy Enhancement Authority (FTEEA)
6 was established by House Bill 762 in the 2021 Georgia General Assembly session and
7 signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the FTEEA founding board members appointed represent Fulton
10 County, the Metropolitan Atlanta Regional Transit Authority (MARTA), the Atlanta
11 Regional Commission (ARC), and the Georgia Institute of Technology, with the chairman
12 of the Board of Commissioners representing the interest of the Board and the County
13 thereon; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes and supports the mission of
16 FTEEA to address root causes of poverty in Fulton County, by bridging the digital and
17 energy divides, and to address various issues that impede improvements in struggling
18 neighborhoods; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, FTEEA will put Fulton County on the map as a national leader in public
21 sustainable infrastructure, by identifying, targeting, and alleviating the specific elements
22 relating to the underdevelopment of technological resources and energy burdens which
23 are causing poverty, increased unemployment rates, and statistics comparable to failing
24 school rates and underdevelopment in Fulton County's pockets of poverty; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, the State of Georgia acknowledged the need of such authority as
27 FTEEA in the authorizing legislation, *to wit*: "The General Assembly finds that while the
28 Fulton County is a world-renowned center of technological innovation, pockets exist
29 throughout the county where technological and energy resources are extremely lacking.
30 These deficiencies hinder the development or redevelopment of these pockets and lock
31 the residents of these pockets into poverty by denying them the opportunity for prosperity
32 and great wealth like other areas of the county," and
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34 **WHEREAS** the purpose of the Fulton Technology and Energy Enhancement
35 Authority is to decrease energy burden in communities with low socio-economic
36 demographics; increase wealth in communities with high energy burden; and provide
37 technology and renewable energy workforce development with public-private
38 partnerships; and
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40 **WHEREAS** the median income of said communities is below the national poverty
41 line; the K-12 public schools in the said communities have D and F ratings based on the
42 Georgia Board of Education ratings; the cycle of suppression of said communities needs
43 to stop by providing resources from FTEEA; and
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1 Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

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3 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Soo Jo, County Attorney

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