

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 22-0644 AND RESOLUTION NO. 21-0282 THAT CREATED AND ESTABLISHED THE FULTON COUNTY VETERANS' EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION BY REVISING ITS PURPOSE AND TO ESTABLISH FUNDING FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING FOR VETERANS THROUGH EXISTING FULTON COUNTY PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County created and established the Fulton County Veterans Empowerment Commission (the "Veterans Commission") pursuant to Resolution No. 21-0282 11 (the "Establishing Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the Establishing Resolution provides that the Veterans Commission serves as an advisory body to investigate and provide recommendations to the Board of Commissioners concerning priorities, objectives, and policies which will support the veteran population in Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, the Establishing Resolution further provides that the Veterans Commission would be formed as a domestic nonprofit entity and directed County staff to file the necessary incorporation paperwork with the Georgia Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, the Establishing Resolution further provides that the Veterans Commission shall research and apply for grant funding and otherwise make funding recommendations for public and private programs which will benefit the veteran population of Fulton County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, at its June 16, 2022 meeting, the Veterans Commission voted to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Veterans Commission amend the Establishing Resolution to provide that the Veterans Commission function solely as an advisory body going forward, and no longer operate as a non-profit corporate entity that applies for grant funding independently; and

1 WHEREAS, on September 7, 2022 the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County
2 amended Resolution 21-0282 through Resolution No. 22-0644 to provide that the Fulton
3 County Veterans Empowerment Commission shall function solely as an advisory body to
4 the Board of Commissioners and shall abandon being established as a nonprofit
5 corporate entity and can no longer apply for grant funding as a nonprofit corporation; and

6 WHEREAS, since its time of existence, the Fulton County Veterans Empowerment
7 Commission has not provided any recommendations to the Board of Commissioners
8 concerning priorities, objectives, and policies which will support the veteran population in
9 Fulton County; and

10 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires to have actionable
11 priorities and objectives to support the veteran population in Fulton County and desires
12 to utilize existing programs and services related to housing, arts and culture, senior
13 services and behavioral health to support the veteran population; and

14 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners also desires Fulton County
15 Government to be a welcoming and desirable place of employment for veterans; and

16 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires to change the role of the
17 Veterans Commission to focus on these areas in conjunction with Fulton County staff;
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19 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires to dedicate
20 \$250,000 of the budgeted funding for the Fulton County Community Services Program
21 (CSP) for housing programs which support veterans in Fulton County and directs County
22 staff to structure the application process for the CSP program; accordingly, and

1 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires to dedicate
2 \$200,000 of the budgeted funding for the Fulton County Arts & Culture Contract for
3 Services Program (CFS) for arts and culture programming which support veterans in
4 Fulton County, including but not limited to public memorials, commemorative events, or
5 arts programming; and

6 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires for the Veterans
7 Commission to assist the Fulton County Behavioral Health and Developmental
8 Disabilities Department and Fulton County Department of Senior Services in providing
9 outreach to veterans in Fulton County so that they can take advantage of such Fulton
10 County services including but not limited to drug and alcohol treatment, adult day
11 programs, seniors transportation, and food programs; and

12 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires for the Veterans
13 Commission to assist Fulton County Human Resources management in providing
14 outreach to veterans in Fulton County so that they are aware of employment opportunities
15 and more likely to apply for employment; and

16 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires for the Veterans
17 Commission to assist Fulton County Human Resources management in evaluating
18 whether Fulton County Government should establish an employee resource group (ERG)
19 for veterans to collaborate with HR and leadership on recruiting, onboarding and retention
20 of employees who are veterans.

21 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its
22 adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution
23 are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

1 **PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this ____ day of _____, 2025.
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4 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
5 **COMMISSIONERS**
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10 Bob Ellis, Vice Chair (District 2)

11 **ATTEST:**
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14 Tonya Grier,
15 Clerk to Commission
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19 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**
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23 County Attorney