

1 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE ONE**
2 **MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000.000.00) TO THE FULTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **ARTS AND CULTURE TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE ARTS COMMUNITY; AND FOR**
4 **OTHER PURPOSES.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, in 1979, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners established the
7 Fulton County Arts Council to enhance the quality of life of Fulton County residents; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture is to
9 coordinate with the Fulton County Arts Council to ensure that all Fulton County citizens
10 have access to the arts and the benefits derived from such exposure; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Arts Council and the Fulton County Department of
12 Arts & Culture serve as the conduit by which the Board of Commissioners provides
13 funding to Fulton County based nonprofit arts organizations to support cultural programs
14 and art related services to Fulton County residents; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Department of Arts & Culture has vigorously
16 pursued quality arts programming through support and development of artists, arts
17 organizations, arts institutions, and cultural programming for residents; and

18 **WHEREAS**, beginning in March 2020, Fulton County, Georgia has been impacted
19 by the pandemic caused by the spread of a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
20 (COVID-19); and

21 **WHEREAS**, the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has
22 negatively impacted Fulton County's arts infrastructure, adversely impacting arts
23 organizations, artists, and their patrons; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a lack of funding and loss of job
25 opportunities for the Fulton County arts community; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners believes the arts are essential to the quality of life of our citizens and to the economic and social health of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires to support the County arts community that has been affected by the pandemic by providing additional funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to allocate funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (One Million Dollars) to the Fulton County Department of Arts & Culture for special art projects within the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager and the Finance Department to work in concert to determine the appropriate source for this funding for the Fulton County Department of Arts & Culture.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its
on, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution
repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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

Georgia, this ____ day of March, 2022.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPONSORED BY:

Marvin S. Arrington, Jr.,
Commissioner, District 5

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8 Tonya R. Grier
9 Clerk to the Commission

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