

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO**  
2 **ADDRESS MATERNAL AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES WITH CURRENT**  
3 **CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND PLANNED INITIATIVES; AND FOR OTHER**  
4 **PURPOSES.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Georgia Constitution Art. 9, §2, ¶ 1(a), the Fulton County  
7 Board of Commissioners has the power to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances,  
8 resolutions, or regulations relating to Fulton County's property, affairs, and local  
9 government for which no provision has been made by general law and which is not  
10 inconsistent with the state constitution or any local law applicable thereto; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that  
12 maternal and infant mortality remain pressing public health challenges that directly  
13 affect the well-being and future of Fulton County families; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Georgia House of Representatives Study Committee on  
15 Maternal Mortality identified alarming disparities in maternal health outcomes across the  
16 state, with Black women disproportionately impacted by pregnancy-related  
17 complications and deaths; and

18 **WHEREAS**, research shows that Georgia continues to have one of the highest  
19 maternal mortality rates in the nation, with approximately 38 deaths per 100,000 live  
20 births, with approximately 87% of cases deemed preventable; and

21 **WHEREAS**, research also shows infant mortality rate remains above the national  
22 average at approximately 7 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2023; and

23 **WHEREAS**, studies identify contributing factors such as the limited availability of  
24 maternal-care providers, hospital closures in rural areas, barriers to transportation and  
25 broadband access, and gaps in prenatal and postpartum care; and

26           **WHEREAS**, aligning current and planned capital investments with efforts to  
27 address maternal and infant mortality will help strengthen the County's overall health  
28 capacity and response; and

29           **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners finds it in the best  
30 interest of the County to coordinate its capital investments and public health priorities to  
31 address maternal and infant mortality and promote the well-being of all Fulton County  
32 residents.

33           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of  
34 Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager to review and assess current capital  
35 investments and planned projects to determine how such resources may be used to  
36 address maternal and infant mortality within Fulton County; and

37           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager shall develop a plan  
38 outlining strategies, timelines, and potential coordination among County departments to  
39 align existing capital efforts with initiatives that support improved maternal and infant  
40 health outcomes; and

41           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager shall present the  
42 proposed plan to the Board of Commissioners for review and consideration at a future  
43 public meeting; and

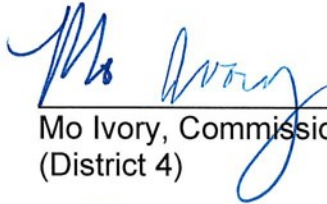
44           **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately  
45 upon adoption.

46           **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,  
47 Georgia this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

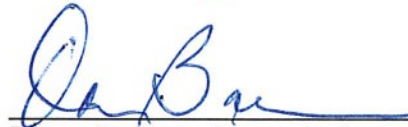
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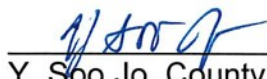
**ATTEST:**



Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney

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SECOND REGULAR MEETING