

1 **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A GRANT FROM FUNDS PREVIOUSLY SET ASIDE**
2 **TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION IN THE**
3 **ENGLISH AVENUE/VINE CITY NEIGHBORHOODS; TO AID IN THE EMERGENCY**
4 **STABILIZATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC ST. MARK AME**
5 **CHURCH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County recognizes the importance of supporting historic
8 preservation, blight removal, public safety, and neighborhood revitalization in English
9 Avenue and across Atlanta's Westside, including projects that preserve important
10 cultural and historic assets and strengthen community identity; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Commission is dedicated to supporting strategic
12 investments through public-private partnerships, grant programs, and other tools that
13 make the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Preservation Center seeks to stabilize and preserve the
15 historic St. Mark AME Church located at 491 James P. Brawley Drive NW, a Stone
16 Mountain granite structure originally constructed in 1920 and recognized as one of the
17 most historically significant landmarks in the English Avenue neighborhood; and

18 **WHEREAS**, after decades of deterioration, abandonment and fire damage that
19 led to the removal of its roof and interior, the building, designated as the City of Atlanta's
20 first official landmark ruin, survives as a stone shell; and

21 **WHEREAS**, emergency stabilization work is urgently required to protect the
22 structure, prevent further deterioration, and ensure public safety at this highly visible
23 community gathering place; and

24 **WHEREAS**, after the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation awarded a \$20,000
25 Wade and Mary Lu Mitchell African American Heritage Preservation Grant to support

1 urgently needed masonry repairs, more significant structural damage was identified
2 requiring additional funding; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the total stabilization budget for the project is \$80,000, including the
4 \$20,000 Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Grant and a \$60,000 Westside TAD
5 Grant; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County portion of the Westside TAD Grant which has
7 been approved for this historic preservation project is \$15,000 (or 18.75% of the total
8 investment); and

9 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 98-1452, adopted on November 18, 1998, as
10 amended by Resolution 05-0851 adopted on July 20, 2005, and Resolution 08-1010
11 adopted on December 17, 2008, collectively, the "County Resolution," the Board of
12 Commissioners of Fulton County consented to the inclusion of its ad valorem property
13 tax increment to fund the Westside TAD through December 31, 2038; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the County Resolution requires that projects financed after
15 December 31, 2018, with Fulton County property tax increment generated within the
16 geographical boundaries of the Westside TAD shall be subject to approval by Fulton
17 County; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the
19 highest and best use of all tax increment dollars contributed to the Westside TAD is to
20 fund projects that support economic development while providing affordability,
21 preserving community identity, and protecting legacy residents.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fulton County Board of
23 Commissioners hereby consents to the use of \$15,000 of its Westside TAD tax

1 increment dollars to be granted to the Atlanta Preservation Center to aid in the
2 emergency stabilization and preservation of the historic St. Mark AME Church in the
3 English Avenue neighborhood as described herein.

4 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
5 Georgia, this ____th day of ____ 2026.

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9 **FULTON COUNTY**
10 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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12 **Sponsored by:**

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16 Dana Barrett, Commissioner
17 (District 3)

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19 **ATTEST:**

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23 Tonya R. Grier,
24 Clerk to the Commission

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27 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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31 Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney