

1 **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 22-0644 AND RESOLUTION NO. 21-**  
2 **0282 THAT CREATED AND ESTABLISHED THE FULTON COUNTY VETERANS**  
3 **EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION BY REVISING ITS PURPOSE AND TO ESTABLISH**  
4 **FUNDING FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING FOR VETERANS THROUGH EXISTING**  
5 **FULTON COUNTY PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County  
8 created and established the Fulton County Veterans Empowerment Commission (the  
9 “Veterans Commission”) pursuant to Resolution No. 21-0282 (the “Establishing  
10 Resolution”); and

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

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

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

22 **WHEREAS**, at its June 16, 2022, meeting, the Veterans Commission voted to  
23 recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Veterans Commission amend the  
24 Establishing Resolution to provide that the Veterans Commission function solely as an  
25 advisory body going forward, and no longer operate as a non-profit corporate entity that  
26 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 Veterans Empowerment Commission  
7 has not provided any recommendations to the Board of Commissioners concerning  
8 priorities, objectives, and policies which will support the veteran population in Fulton  
9 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  
15 County Government to be a welcoming and desirable place of employment for veterans;  
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17           **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires to change the role  
18 of the Veterans Commission to focus on these areas in conjunction with Fulton County  
19 staff, while continuing its status and role as an advisory entity for the BOC to investigate  
20 and provide recommendations to the BOC concerning priorities, objectives, and policies  
21 which will support the veteran population of Fulton County.

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1           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Fulton County Board of  
2 Commissioners hereby dedicates \$250,000.00 of the budgeted funding for the Fulton  
3 County Community Services Program for housing programs which support veterans in  
4 Fulton County.

5           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners  
6 desires for the Veterans Commission to consult with the Fulton County Grant Staff to  
7 identify and seek/bring in additional funding and resources to add to and enhance the  
8 services Fulton County provides for Veterans and their families, with the goal of complete  
9 integration of Veterans into all of its services and departments, and

10           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners  
11 hereby directs County staff to structure the application process for the Community  
12 Services Program accordingly.

13           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners  
14 hereby dedicates \$200,000.00 of the budgeted funding for the Fulton County Arts &  
15 Culture Contract for Services Program for arts and culture programming, which supports  
16 veterans in Fulton County, including but not limited to public memorials, commemorative  
17 events, or arts programming.

18           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Veterans Empowerment  
19 Commission shall assist the Fulton County Behavioral Health and Developmental  
20 Disabilities Department and the Fulton County Department of Senior Services in providing  
21 outreach to veterans and family members of veterans in Fulton County so that they can  
22 take advantage of such Fulton County services, including but not limited to, drug and

1 alcohol treatment, behavior health counseling for children and adults, adult day programs,  
2 senior transportation, and food programs.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Veterans Commission shall assist Fulton  
4 County Human Resources Management in providing outreach to veterans in Fulton  
5 County so that they are aware of employment opportunities and more likely to apply for  
6 employment.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Veterans Commission shall assist Fulton  
8 County Department of Human Resources Management in evaluating whether Fulton  
9 County Government should establish an employee resource group for veterans to  
10 collaborate with Human Resources management and leadership on recruiting,  
11 onboarding, and retaining employees who are veterans.

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

15 **EFFECTIVE**, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.


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