

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
2 **SUPPORTING ITS ABILITY TO GOVERN LOCAL AFFAIRS AND URGING THE**
3 **GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PRESERVE THE BOARD OF**
4 **COMMISSIONERS' INVOLVMENT IN MATTERS AFFECTING FULTON COUNTY**
5 **RESIDENTS.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, according to the Georgia Supreme Court, “[f]undamental principles
8 embodied in our constitution dictate that the people control their government...This is
9 accomplished through elected representatives to whom is delegated, subject to
10 constitutional limitation, the power to regulate and administer public affairs, including the
11 power to provide for the selection of public officers”; and

12 **WHEREAS**, county boards of commissions operate as the governing authority of
13 a county and the members of those boards are elected by the residents of that county;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, the creation of county boards of commissioners recognizes that local
16 affairs are best governed by local officials; and

17 **WHEREAS**, preserving a measure of local discretion is essential to maintaining
18 accountability, transparency, and responsiveness in the administration of local matters
19 affecting local residents; and

20 **WHEREAS**, local affairs should not be delegated to private organizations or
21 individuals who are not directly accountable to local residents; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners (“BOC”) is the duly
23 elected governing authority of Fulton County, Georgia; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the members of the BOC are elected by and accountable to the
25 residents of Fulton County; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the members of the BOC are expected to act in the best interests of
27 the residents of Fulton County regardless of their political affiliation; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the BOC believes that decisions regarding local affairs and matters
29 affecting Fulton County residents should remain with the BOC, which is closest to the
30 communities affected; and

31 **WHEREAS**, eliminating or restricting the BOC's discretion or involvement in local
32 affairs could lead to decisions affecting Fulton County residents that do not adequately
33 represent the standards and expectations of Fulton County residents; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the BOC finds it in the best interests of Fulton County and its residents
35 to preserve the BOC's involvement in matters affecting Fulton County residents.

36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
37 Commissioners hereby supports its ability to govern local affairs.

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
39 urges the Georgia General Assembly to preserve the Fulton County Board of
40 Commissioners' involvement in matters affecting Fulton County residents.

41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
42 opposes any legislation that would eliminate or significantly restrict its discretion in
43 governing local affairs.

44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is
45 directed to transmit a copy of this Urging Resolution to the members of the Fulton County
46 legislative delegation and to the leadership of the Georgia House of Representatives and
47 Senate.

48 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT**, this Resolution shall become effective upon
49 adoption.

50 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
51 Georgia, this 3rd day of December, 2025.

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54 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
55 **COMMISSIONERS**

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57 **Sponsored by:**
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62 Moraima Ivory, Commissioner
63 (District 4)
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67 ATTEST:
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72 Tonya R. Grier
73 Clerk to the Commission
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78 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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