

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO**  
2 **CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS TO**  
3 **ALLOW APPOINTEES FROM THE ATLANTA HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE**  
4 **FULTON ATLANTA COMMUNICATION ACTION AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER**  
5 **PURPOSES.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, on October 26, 1988, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners approved  
8 a Resolution creating the “Fulton County Aging Services Council”; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Aging Services Council was created to improve the quality  
10 of life for the entire Fulton County community by serving as a focal point for communication and  
11 insight between elderly persons, their caregivers, other concerned citizens, and to advise the Board  
12 of Commissioners, the Department of Senior Services [previously, the Department of Aging and  
13 Youth Services], and the community regarding the needs of the elderly within Fulton County; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on February 3, 1993, by way of Agenda Item # 92-RC-397, the Board of  
15 Commissioners approved a change in the name of the Fulton County Aging Services Council to  
16 the “Commission on Elderly Affairs”; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2021, by way of Resolution 21-0071, the Board of  
18 Commissioners approved a change in the name of the Commission on Elderly Affairs to the  
19 “Commission on Elder Affairs” to better reflect the active and vibrant nature of Fulton County  
20 seniors and the mission of this commission; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Department of Senior Services coordinates with the  
22 Commission on Elder Affairs on implementation of its mission, attends its meetings, recommends  
23 individuals for appointments to this entity to the Board of Commissioners, and works with the  
24 umbrella agencies on the delivery of services to the senior population; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Council on Aging was a non-profit corporation created in 1977 “to  
26 provide a mechanism through which local residents, groups, and agencies can work to assist the  
27 elderly in Fulton County to live full, meaningful, and independent lives”; and

28           **WHEREAS**, the Council on Aging was informally divided into area Councils (originally  
29 North, South and Central Area Councils, and more recently, North, South, East and West Area  
30 Councils) to allow its members to meet in more convenient locations; and

31           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the enabling legislation passed on October 26, 1988, the entity  
32 now known as the Commission on Elder Affairs officially consisted of thirteen members: six (6)  
33 adults, two (2) each elected from the North, South and Central Area Councils on Aging, six (6)  
34 Task Force Chairpersons, and one (1) elected county official; and

35           **WHEREAS**, to better align with the needs of seniors in Fulton County, on January 20,  
36 2021, by way of Resolution 21-0071, the Board of Commissioners approved a change in the  
37 membership of the Commission on Elder Affairs to consist of the following thirteen (13) members:  
38 one (1) appointee by each of the seven (7) Fulton County Commissioners, one (1) appointee by  
39 each of the four (4) area Councils on Aging, and one (1) program participant from each of the two  
40 (2) agencies providing Senior Center Management under contract with Fulton County; and

41           **WHEREAS**, according to the Georgia Secretary of State’s webpage, the non-profit  
42 Council on Aging was administratively dissolved on October 28, 2022 by the Georgia Secretary  
43 of State, and the four (4) area Councils on Aging are no longer in operation; and

44           **WHEREAS**, the Commission on Elder Affairs and the Department of Senior Services  
45 agree that the membership of the Commission on Elder Affairs must be amended because the  
46 Councils on Aging are no longer in existence, and thus, do not have the ability to make  
47 recommendations for appointments to the Commission on Elder Affairs; and

48           **WHEREAS**, the Commission on Elder Affairs and the Department of Senior Services  
49 recommend that the Board of Commissioners amend the membership of the Commission on Elder  
50 Affairs by replacing the four (4) Councils on Aging appointees with two (2) appointees by The

51 Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (“Atlanta Housing Authority”) and two (2)  
52 appointees by the Fulton-Atlanta Communication Action Authority, Inc. (“FACA”); and

53 **WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Housing Authority meets its mission by deploying its assets to  
54 facilitate affordable housing opportunities for low-income, elderly and disabled households in the  
55 City of Atlanta, providing housing subsidy assistance to more than 6,000 senior citizens across its  
56 housing programs; and

57 **WHEREAS**, FACA, a Georgia non-profit agency, has provided services to low-income  
58 individuals and families in Fulton County since 1991 and mobilizes resources through a network  
59 of programs and services; and

60 **WHEREAS**, all recommended appointees to the Commission on Elder Affairs must be  
61 approved by the Board of Commissioners prior to appointment; and

62 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the seniors  
63 of Fulton County to change the membership of the Commission on Elder Affairs to include  
64 appointees from the Atlanta Housing Authority and FACA.

65 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby  
66 accepts the recommendation from the Commission on Elder Affairs and the Department of Senior  
67 Services to amend the membership of the Commission on Elder Affairs to consist of thirteen (13)  
68 members as follows: one (1) appointee by each of the seven (7) Fulton County Commissioners,  
69 two (2) appointees by The Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, two (2) appointees  
70 by the Fulton-Atlanta Communication Action Authority, Inc., and one (1) program participant  
71 from each of the two (2) agencies providing Senior Center Management under contract with Fulton  
72 County.

73 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all recommended appointees to the Commission on

74 Elder Affairs must be approved by the Board of Commissioners prior to appointment; and

75 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective when  
76 adopted, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby  
77 repealed to the extent of the conflict.

78 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,  
79 Georgia, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

80 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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87 Robert L. Pitts, Chairman  
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90 **ATTEST:**

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98 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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