

1 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND FULTON COUNTY'S CURRENT BUDGET TO
2 INCREASE THE DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS
3 AND CULTURE BASED ON CURRENT UNDERRUNS IN THE COUNTY'S OVERALL
4 FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET; TO DIRECT IDENTIFICATION OF A RECURRING
5 FUNDING SOURCE TO SUPPORT FUNDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND
6 CULTURE AT \$3,000,000 IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER
7 PURPOSES.

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9 WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3 provides that counties "shall establish by
10 ordinance, local law, or appropriate resolution a fiscal year for the operations of the local
11 government" and that counties "shall adopt and operate under an annual balanced
12 budget" to be adopted by ordinance or resolution; and

13 WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3 further provides that a county may amend its
14 budget to address changing governmental needs during the budget period; and

15 WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3(d) provides that amendments shall be made as
16 follows:

17 (1) Any increase in appropriation at the legal level of control of the local
18 government, whether accomplished through a change in anticipated
19 revenues in any fund or through a transfer of appropriations among
20 departments, shall require the approval of the governing authority. Such
21 amendment shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution;

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23 (2) Transfers of appropriations within any fund below the local
24 government's legal level of control shall require only the approval of the
25 budget officer; and

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27 (3) The governing authority of a local government may amend the legal
28 level of control to establish a more detailed level of budgetary control at
29 any time during the budget period. Said amendment shall be adopted by
30 ordinance or resolution; and

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32 WHEREAS, the legal level of control for Fulton County is the departmental level;
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34 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture ("Department of
35 Arts and Culture") was established in 1991 as a Fulton County department consisting of

full-time professional staff members who recommend policy to the Board of Commissioners on arts-related programs and administer Fulton County's arts programs, facilities, and contracts; and

WHEREAS, it is the function of the Department of Arts and Culture to pursue quality arts programming by supporting the development of local artists, arts organizations, arts institutions, and cultural programming for Fulton County residents; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2025 via Item 25-0070, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County ("BOC") adopted the 2025 fiscal year budget; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2025 budget includes an allocation of \$6,090,899 for the Department of Arts and Culture; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Arts and Culture requires additional funding to provide necessary cultural programs and arts-related services to Fulton County residents through the Contracts for Services ("CFS") Program; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2025, the Finance Department presented the mid-year budget review via Item 25-0654, indicating that the County is currently projected to realize \$69 million in underruns in the fiscal year 2025 budget due to actual revenues exceeding estimates and actual expenditures being less than projected; and

WHEREAS, according to the Finance Department's presentation, the excess underruns will increase the fund balance beyond the amount of 16.66% of budgeted expenses as required by Fulton County Code Section 102-290; and

57 **WHEREAS**, the BOC finds it to be in the best interests of the County to utilize a
58 portion of the underruns to increase the departmental budget for the Department of Arts
59 and Culture to fund the CFS Program.

60 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of
61 Fulton County that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3(d), the current budget is to be
62 amended by transferring \$1,700,000 from available resources to the Department of Arts
63 and Culture to fund the CFS Program.

64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Department is directed to identify
65 a funding source within the fiscal year 2025 budget and to place the resulting budget
66 amendment item on the agenda on the next Board of Commissioners meeting for
67 approval.

68 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager is to identify a recurring
69 funding source to support funding the Department of Arts and Culture at \$3,000,000 in
70 the fiscal year 2026 budget which shall be presented for consideration and approval by
71 the Board of Commissioners.

72 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners will consider no
73 further funding enhancements to any department for fiscal year 2025.

74 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that those expenditures which relate to the
75 Consent Decree, or which emerge as part of the normal budget sounding process are
76 not considered enhancements as it pertains to this resolution.

77 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict
78 herewith are hereby repealed.

79 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
80 Georgia this 17 day of September, 2025.

84 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
85 **COMMISSIONERS**

87 **SPONSORED BY:**

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90 Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner
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110 ATTEST:

111 Tonya R. Grier
112 Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

116 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

117 Y. Soo Jo
118 Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney

119 ITEM # 25-0721 SRM 9, 17, 25
SECOND REGULAR MEETING