

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
2 **APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS**
3 **(AEDS) FOR USE BY THE FULTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FOR**
4 **OTHER PURPOSES.**

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6 **WHEREAS** the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes its responsibility to
7 protect and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of all county residents and visitors; and

8 **WHEREAS** a sudden cardiac arrest is a time-sensitive medical emergency in which
9 prompt access to an AED, in conjunction with Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), is crucial
10 for increasing the chances of survival; and

11 **WHEREAS** research shows that for every minute that defibrillation is delayed, the chance
12 of survival decreases by approximately 10%; and

13 **WHEREAS** law enforcement officers are frequently the first to arrive on the scene of
14 medical emergencies, and equipping them with AEDs can significantly reduce response time for
15 emergency medical care; and

16 **WHEREAS** the Fulton County Police Department needs AEDs to be deployed in its patrol
17 vehicles and at its offices; and

18 **WHEREAS** the purchase of said AEDs will align with best practices for law enforcement
19 agencies and is consistent with the county's commitment to providing a high level of public safety
20 services; and

21 **WHEREAS** funding for the purchase in the approximate amount of \$225,000 is available
22 from opioid settlement funds.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners
24 hereby authorizes and approves the purchase of AEDs for a total cost not to exceed \$225,000 for
25 the Fulton County Police Department; and

