

1 **RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN**
2 **SUPPORT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE “AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN”**
3 **CORONAVIRUS RELIEF LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**
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5 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has passed the “American Rescue Plan
6 Act of 2021” (“Act”) with broad bipartisan public support, and the President of the United
7 States signed the bill into law on Thursday, March 11, 2021; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, this legislation infuses \$1.9 trillion in the U.S. economy to aid and
10 assist all Americans, and especially those who have been adversely impacted by the
11 Coronavirus pandemic; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, metropolitan cities, municipalities and counties will share \$130.2
14 billion in direct allocations from the Rescue Plan’s Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, based
15 upon their respective populations; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Act has prescribed that funds distributed to the aforementioned
18 jurisdictions shall be used (but not solely limited) to: (1) respond to or mitigate the public
19 health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 emergency or its negative economic
20 impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to
21 impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality; (2) provide government
22 services; (3) make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure;
23 4) Respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health
24 emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing
25 such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers
26 who perform essential work; and (5) other relief activities, projects, services and
27 programs; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, analyses indicate that Fulton County’s share of the Local Fiscal
30 Recovery Fund is estimated at \$206 million, of which under the Act, half of that amount
31 is to be disbursed to Fulton County on or before May 11, 2021, and the second half no
32 earlier than 12 months after the first payment; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County residents and stakeholders have been impacted by the
35 Coronavirus pandemic, including small business shuttering; renters being evicted;
36 homeowners forced into foreclosure; families going hungry; government and other
37 essential employees working under stress to keep others safe and well; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, members of the Board of Commissioners, in their role as leaders of
40 Fulton County and stewards of the taxpayers’ and citizens’ dollars are concerned about
41 the health, safety and welfare of Fulton’s residents: from Bankhead to Buckhead; from
42 Alpharetta to Palmetto and every community in between; and
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44 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has heard the cry and concern of many
45 residents and must act upon their requests for support and assistance to help the local
46 economy recover.
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48 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of
49 Fulton County on behalf of its more than one million residents, enthusiastically supports

1 and accepts the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" and any and all proceeds allocated
2 to Fulton County, Georgia; derived from the Act.

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Fulton County shall prioritize, utilize and set aside part of
5 any federal Rescue funds for: (1) providing home-mortgage assistance to in-need
6 homeowners; (2) premium pay increase for all full- and part-time County employees; (3)
7 financial assistance to in-need small businesses with 30 or less employees; (4) youth-
8 and-young-adult jobs programs; and (5) the arts community in Fulton County including
9 programs and services; "(6) Health Response, Operational Stability and Community
10 Needs as identified by the County Manager's Presentation on March 17, 2021.

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12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Board of Commissioners hereby directs the
13 County Manager and the appropriate County staff to establish a utilization and distribution
14 plan consistent with the intent of this Resolution, and in conformance with the rules and
15 guidelines evinced in the Act, and other such rules promulgated by the U.S. Department
16 of the Treasury and other federal agencies with oversight and compliance of the Rescue
17 Plan's Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, and that the County Manager report back with the
18 said plan within 30 days for action by the Board of Commissioners.

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20 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict
21 with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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23 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
24 Georgia, this 17 day of March, 2021.

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27 FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
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31 **SPONSORED BY:**

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35 Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner
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6 TONYA R. GRIER
7 CLERK TO THE COMMISSION

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12 Kaye W. Burwell, Interim County Attorney
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