

1 **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE**
2 **“MY BROTHER’S KEEPER COMMUNITY CHALLENGE”**

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4 **WHEREAS**, in February, 2014 President Obama launched the “My Brother’s
5 Keeper” Initiative (MBK) to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and
6 young men of color and to ensure that all young people can reach their full potential;
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8 **WHEREAS**, MBK is joining with cities and towns, businesses, and foundations
9 that are taking important steps to connect young people to mentoring programs, support
10 networks, and the skills they need to find a good job or go to college and work their way
11 into the middle class; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the White House has recently announced the MBK Community
13 Challenge, an effort to encourage communities (cities, counties, suburbs, rural
14 municipalities, and tribal nations) to implement a coherent cradle-to-college and career
15 strategy aimed at improving life outcomes for all young people, to ensure that all youth
16 can achieve their full potential, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or
17 the circumstances in which they are born; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the MBK Community Challenge is a call to action for leaders of
19 communities across the nation to build and execute comprehensive strategies that
20 ensure:

- 21 • All children enter school cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally
22 prepared;
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24 • All children read at grade level by third grade;
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26 • All young people graduate from high school;
 • All young people complete post-secondary education or training;

- All youth out of school are employed; and
- All young people are safe from violent crime; and

WHEREAS, the urgency of the situation with our youth requires a sustained effort from everyone to effect change and local leadership is essential to building partnerships and developing plans of action to ensure a brighter future for all young people; and

WHEREAS, the MBK Community Challenge has a playbook that provides a framework for an effective plan of action, that defines a policy and programmatic focus central to the success of our youth, and that promotes a data-driven strategy for tracking success; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 mayors, county officials and tribal nations have already accepted the MBK Community Challenge; and

WHEREAS, the future success of Fulton County depends on its ability to develop youth who reach their full potential, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or the circumstances in which they are born; and

WHEREAS, as leaders in the local community, members of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners have an obligation to assist in the development and success of our youth;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby commits to participate in the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge and adopt the MBK Playbook to implement a plan of action that ensures the success of Fulton County's youth.


1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager is directed to cause a
2 coalition of County representatives to be convened to make recommendations and
3 implement a plan of action for Fulton County's involvement in and acceptance of the
4 MBK Challenge.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its
6 adoption, and all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are
7 hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

8 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
9 Georgia this 15th day of October _____, 2014.


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11 **SPONSORED BY:**

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14 By: 
15 John H. Eaves, Chairman
16 District 1, At-Large

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18 By: 
19 William "Bill" Edwards, Commissioner
20 District 7

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23 Joan P. Garner, Commissioner
24 District 6

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33 Clerk to the Commission

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37 APPROVED AS TO FORM:


R. David Ware
County Attorney



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