

1 **RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF**
2 **EMERGENCY IN FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA DUE TO THE IMPACT OF**
3 **HURRICANE HELENE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**
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5 **WHEREAS**, beginning on September 26, 2024, Fulton County, Georgia has
6 experienced an event of critical significance as a result of Hurricane Helene; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County, Georgia has been impacted by dangerous weather
8 conditions associated with Hurricane Helene commencing on September 26, 2024; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Governor has declared a state of emergency for Georgia,
10 including the area encompassing Fulton County, Georgia; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of Fulton County, Georgia is the
12 Fulton County Board of Commissioners; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners is empowered to provide
14 for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, employees, businesses and visitors
15 within Fulton County; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in the judgment of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, with
17 advice from the Atlanta/Fulton County Emergency Management Agency, there exists
18 emergency circumstances located in Fulton County, Georgia requiring extraordinary and
19 immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the
20 citizens of Fulton County, including individuals with household pets and service animals;
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Atlanta/Fulton County Emergency Management Agency has
23 requested that Fulton County, Georgia declare a state of local emergency in order to
24 coordinate the response between federal, state and local officials; and

25 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Fulton County Code Sec. 1-73, the Chairman of Fulton
26 County, Georgia is authorized to sign all official papers and other instruments and
27 documents on behalf of the Board of Commissioners as directed or authorized by
28 ordinance, resolution, or policy of the Board of Commissioners; and

29 **WHEREAS**, on September 26, 2026, due to existence of emergency
30 circumstances that could not be delayed until the Board of Commissioners could address
31 the emergency at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 2, 2024, the Chairman of
32 Fulton County took action on the emergency by executing a Declaration of Emergency

for Fulton County, Georgia, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Emergency Declaration is to immediately prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from the impact of Hurricane Helene; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners under section (a) of its home rule powers found at GA CONST Art. 9, § 2, ¶ 1(a) and by Fulton County Code Sec. 1-117, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners finds it necessary and to be in the best interest and safety and welfare of its citizens to ratify and authorize all actions taken by the Fulton County Chairman on September 26, 2024 relating to the signing of the Declaration of Emergency for Fulton County, Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners finds and declares that weather conditions require the declaration of a local state of emergency encompassing all of Fulton County, Georgia as a result of the impact from Hurricane Helene and that this local state of emergency and shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated in order to protect the public health, preserve public safety, minimize damage to property and for the economic benefit of the impacted areas in Fulton County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies all action taken by the Chairman of Fulton County on September 26, 2024, including signing and effectuating the Declaration of Emergency for Fulton County, Georgia, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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

SO PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 2nd day of October, 2024.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
FULTON COUNTY**

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman

66 At-Large

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75 Clerk to the Commission

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