

1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA TO
2 RELINQUISH ITS STATUS AS AN ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITY AS DEFINED
3 BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
4 DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL GRANTS: COMMUNITY
5 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, HOME
6 INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANT AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD
7 STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT; DIRECTING COUNTY STAFF TO TAKE
8 NECESSARY STEPS TO END FULTON COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN
9 THESE GRANT PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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11 WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD")
12 has designated Fulton County as an "Entitlement Community" and annual
13 administrator of the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program,
14 pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42
15 U.S.C. §5301 *et seq.*; and

16 WHEREAS, pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community
17 Development Act of 1974, counties with populations of at least 200,000,
18 excluding the population of "entitled cities," are qualified as Entitlement
19 Communities [Counties]; and

20 WHEREAS, as an Entitlement Community, Fulton County also receives
21 the following federal grants directly from HUD: CDBG, Emergency Solutions
22 Grant ("ESG"), HOME Investment Partnership Grant ("HOME"), and the
23 Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant ("NSP"); and

24 WHEREAS, County staff has estimated that approximately eighty-five
25 percent (85%) of the grant funds allocated by HUD within Fulton County are
26 directly allocated to cities that have been designated as Entitlement Communities
27 separate and apart from the County's designation; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the cities of Atlanta, Johns Creek, Roswell, and Sandy
2 Springs have been designated Entitlement Communities [Cities] and receive
3 CDBG allocations directly from HUD; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the remaining approximately fifteen percent (15%) of HUD
5 grant allocations are administered to Non-Entitlement Communities [Cities] by
6 Fulton County pursuant to allocations provided through cooperative agreements,
7 which outline the amount of grant funds to be used and services that will be
8 performed with the use of the funds; and

9 **WHEREAS**, through cooperative agreements, Fulton County administers
10 federal grant funding to the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College
11 Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, and Union
12 City; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in serving the aforementioned cities through the allocation of
14 these federal grants, Fulton County has faced challenges in meeting HUD
15 requirements that may not always align nor fit within the real-world and real-time
16 scenarios faced by the cities in responding to the needs of their citizenry; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County believes it would be in the best interest of the
18 Non-Entitlement Cities that their leadership have a more direct role in applying
19 for and managing the grants in a manner that would benefit their cities and the
20 particular needs of their citizens; and

21 **WHEREAS**, to start the process that will result in the Non-Entitlement
22 Cities playing a more direct role with these federal grants, the Board of

Commissioners finds it necessary to relinquish its status as an Entitlement Community and as the annual administrator of the federal grants; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County believes the cities will be best served by directly engaging or partnering with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") to apply for and administer these grants on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners supports the prompt and efficient delivery of services to the citizens of Fulton County and finds that these goals will be achieved by relinquishing its status as a HUD-designated Entitlement Community, to no longer administer HUD federal grants, and to no longer submit the five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans to receive an annual allocation for HUD grant program funds; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County Code of Laws ("FCC") § 1-117 gives the Board of Commissioners exclusive authority over the affairs of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County hereby formally relinquishes its status as an Entitlement Community as administrator of the following federal grants: Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG"), HOME Investment Partnership Grant ("HOME"), and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant ("NSP").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners directs County staff to take any and all necessary steps to finalize this directive with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and with the Non-Entitlement Cities served by Fulton County under these grants. The Chairman is further

1 authorized to sign any documents related to this directive that may require the
2 signature of the official authorized to sign on behalf of Fulton County.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners fully supports
4 and encourages the Non-Entitlement Cities located within Fulton County to apply
5 for these federal grants through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs
6 until such time that they may also qualify as Entitlement Cities.

7 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective
8 upon its adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with
9 this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.


10 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 15th day of December, 2019.

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12 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
13 **COMMISSIONERS**
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20 Bob Ellis, Commissioner
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