

1 **A RESOLUTION URGING THE CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN FULTON**
2 **COUNTY COURT ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONS UNDER THE FULTON**
3 **COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ADMINISTRATOR; DIRECTING THE COUNTY**
4 **MANAGER TO ASSIST WITH FACILITATING SUCH CONSOLIDATION; AND**
5 **FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**
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7 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County, Georgia, (the "County") is a political subdivision of the
8 State of Georgia, existing as such under and by the Constitution, statutes, and laws of
9 the State; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners ("BOC") desires a more judicious and
11 efficient use of the County's tax dollars, infrastructure, and personnel as it relates to court
12 administration functions in the County's Superior, State and Magistrate Courts
13 (collectively "Court Administration Functions"); and

14 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 15-6-27 and 15-6-28(a), the Chief Judge of
15 the Fulton County Superior Court ("Superior Court Chief Judge") is authorized to employ
16 a superior court administrator ("Superior Court Administrator") and assign their duties and
17 responsibilities; and

18 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to 1999 Ga. L. 3781 (codified as Fulton County Code § 10-
19 184(b)), the State Court Judges are authorized to elect a court administrator ("State Court
20 Administrator"); and

21 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Fulton County Code § 10-184(b), the Chief Judge of the
22 Fulton County State Court ("State Court Chief Judge") is authorized to assign the duties
23 and responsibilities of the State Court Administrator; and

24 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to 2015 Ga. L. 4178 (codified as Fulton County Code § 10-
25 354), the Chief Magistrate Judge of Fulton County ("Chief Magistrate") serves as the
26 Magistrate Court Administrator but may designate someone else to serve in that

1 administrative capacity; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the BOC desires that the Superior Court Administrator also serve as
3 the State and Magistrate Court Administrators.

4 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board
5 of Commissioners urges the State Court Judges to elect the Superior Court Administrator
6 to serve as the State Court Administrator.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
8 urges the Chief Magistrate to designate the Superior Court Administrator to serve as the
9 Magistrate Court Administrator.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
11 urges the Superior Court Chief Judge, the State Court Chief Judge, and the Chief
12 Magistrate to consent to the assigning of duties of State Court Administrator and
13 Magistrate Court Administrator to the Superior Court Administrator.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
15 urges the Superior Court Chief Judge, the State Court Judges, and the Chief Magistrate
16 to work cohesively to facilitate the consolidation of Court Administration Functions under
17 the Superior Court Administrator.

18 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that if all of the necessary parties agree (i.e., the
19 Superior Court Chief Judge, the State Court Judges, and the Chief Magistrate), the Fulton
20 County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs the County Manager and
21 County departments to facilitate consolidation of the Court Administration Functions and
22 bring forth any budgetary or legislative actions for which further Board of Commissioners'
23 approval is required to achieve the desired consolidation.

1 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County
2 this 19th day of April 2023.

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**FULTON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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9 Robert L. Pitts, Chairman
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12 **ATTEST:**

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16 Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission
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Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney

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