

1 A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS URGING  
2 THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS A RESOLUTION  
3 ACKNOWLEDGING THE ATROCITIES OF THE ATLANTA RACE MASSACRE OF  
4 1906, HONORING THE VICTIMS, AND REAFFIRMING THE STATE OF GEORGIA'S  
5 COMMITMENT TO COMBAT HATRED, INJUSTICE AND WHITE SUPREMACY; AND  
6 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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8 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County, Georgia, (the "County") is a political subdivision of the  
9 State of Georgia, existing as such under and by the Constitution, statutes, and laws of  
10 the State; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Representative Nikema Williams and Senator Jon Ossoff, Members  
12 of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, introduced House Resolution 1382 and Senate Resolution 790  
13 respectfully to commemorate the 1906 Atlanta Race Massacre by condemning the  
14 atrocities that occurred; and

15 **WHEREAS**, as recounted in articles published by the Associated Press,  
16 History.com and [www.civilandhumanrights.org](http://www.civilandhumanrights.org), among others, beginning on September  
17 22, 1906, a mob of more than 10,000 white men and boys terrorized Black communities  
18 throughout Atlanta for two days, ending on September 24; and

19 **WHEREAS**, during this period in history Atlanta had become the hub of the  
20 regional economy, and the city's overall population soared, which led to increased job  
21 competition among Black and white workers, and heightened class distinctions which led  
22 the city's white leadership to respond with restrictions intended to control the daily  
23 behavior of the growing working class, with mixed success; and

24 **WHEREAS**, what was labeled as a race riot, was a massacre of Black Americans  
25 at the hands of white supremacists who became incensed by the upward mobility many  
26 Blacks were experiencing; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the final death toll of the conflict is unknown and disputed, officially,

1 at least 25 African Americans died and unofficially 100 Black Americans may have been  
2 killed during the massacre; and

3 **WHEREAS**, while the police, armed with rifles, and militia patrolled the streets and  
4 key landmarks and guarded white property, white vigilante groups invaded Black  
5 neighborhoods and wounded scores of Black residents and inflicted considerable  
6 property damage, which thwarted the economic success Black Americans had achieved;  
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the massacre ended when there was a collective call for an end to  
9 violence: and

10 **WHEREAS**, Atlanta, as a vital part of Fulton County, has emerged as a great  
11 southern city, celebrating the accomplishments of all its citizens, and it is important to  
12 remember our past so that we can fully embrace our future.

13 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of  
14 Commissioners urges the Georgia General Assembly to pass a resolution acknowledging  
15 the atrocities of the Atlanta Race Massacre of 1906, honoring those who were victims,  
16 and reaffirming the State of Georgia's Commitment to combat hatred, injustice and white  
17 supremacy.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon passage of this Resolution, the Fulton  
19 County Clerk shall provide copies to all the members of the Georgia General Assembly.

20 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions, in  
21 conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

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23 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

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FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Natalie Hall, Commissioner (District 4)

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Tonya Grier, Clerk to the Commission



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