

1 **A RESOLUTION TO REALLOCATE AT LEAST TWO PERCENT OF THE FISCAL**
2 **YEAR 2026 BUDGET TOWARDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS**
3 **PREVENTION PROGRAMS, AND WRAP-AROUND SERVICES; TO DIRECT THE**
4 **COUNTY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PROPOSE A SIMILAR BUDGET**
5 **ALLOCATION IN SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

6 **WHEREAS**, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition (“NLIHC”)
7 nationally, there is a shortage of more than 7 million affordable homes for the nation's 10.8
8 million extremely low-income families; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
10 (“HUD”) defines extremely low-income households as those with incomes at or below 30
11 percent of the area median income or the federal poverty line, whichever is higher; and

12 **WHEREAS**, according to the NLIHC, there is a shortage of affordable rental
13 homes available to low-income households across Georgia; and

14 **WHEREAS**, HUD defines low-income households as those with incomes at or
15 below 80 percent of the area median income; and

16 **WHEREAS**, many of these low-income households are severely cost burdened,
17 spending more than half of their income on housing; and

18 **WHEREAS**, severely cost burdened low-income households are more likely than
19 other renters to sacrifice necessities such as nutritious food and healthcare in order to
20 afford rent; and

21 **WHEREAS**, severely cost burdened low-income households face a higher risk of
22 housing instability, including evictions, homelessness and housing insecurity; and

1 **WHEREAS**, according to the Atlanta Regional Commission’s 2025 survey data,
2 affordable housing is the top concern of many issues facing metro-Atlanta residents; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on July 13, 2022, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners adopted
4 Resolution 22-0498, acknowledging the affordable housing crisis in Fulton County, and
5 called upon Federal, State, and Local Legislators, and Elected Officials to enact
6 legislation supporting home ownership and rent stabilization; and

7 **WHEREAS**, without stable and affordable housing, basic public interest outcomes
8 for households, including but not limited to educational attainment, job security,
9 entrepreneurial opportunity, health, and wealth, are greatly diminished; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in addition to affordable housing, homelessness is a significant issue
11 in Fulton County; and

12 **WHEREAS**, according to the NLIHC, as of early 2026, data indicates that
13 over 3,200 individuals experience homelessness in Fulton County on any given night.

14 **WHEREAS**, pairing affordable housing assistance with voluntary, flexible wrap-
15 around support services - such as case management, medical care, and mental health
16 treatment - enables independent living and prevents homelessness; and

17 **WHEREAS**, research has shown that affordable housing initiatives, homelessness
18 prevention programs, and wrap-around services not only help resolve homelessness and
19 increase housing stability, but also improve health, and lower public costs by reducing the
20 use of publicly-funded crisis services, including shelters, hospitals, psychiatric centers,
21 jails, and prisons; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that a
2 dedicated annual budget allocation towards affordable housing, homelessness
3 prevention programs, and wrap-around services would be in the best interests of the low-
4 income citizens of Fulton County who are severely cost burdened and susceptible to
5 housing insecurity and homelessness; and

6 **WHEREAS**, funding for affordable housing and wrap-around services for
7 homeless and low income citizens in Fulton County is authorized pursuant to Fulton
8 County Code § 1-117, which provides that the Board of Commissioners has exclusive
9 jurisdiction and control over all the property of the county, as they may deem expedient,
10 according to law, having the care, management, keeping, collecting, or disbursement, of
11 money belonging to the county, or appropriated for its use and benefit, making such rules
12 and regulations for the support of the poor of the county, and for the promotion of health,
13 as are not inconsistent with law, and to exercise such other powers as are granted by law,
14 or are indispensable to their jurisdiction over county matters and county finances.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that for the Fiscal Year 2026, the Board
16 of Commissioners authorizes a reallocation of at least two percent of the Fiscal Year 2026
17 Budget toward affordable housing, homelessness prevention programs, and wrap-around
18 services for low-income citizens of Fulton County who are severely cost burdened and
19 susceptible to housing insecurity and homelessness and who would also benefit from
20 flexible wrap-around support services.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs
22 the County Manager or his designee to propose budgets in upcoming fiscal years that will
23 include at least a two percent budget allocation towards affordable housing initiatives,

1 homelessness prevention programs, and wrap-around services to those low-income
2 citizens of Fulton County who are severely cost burdened and susceptible to housing
3 insecurity and homelessness.

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

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this 18th day of February, 2026.

8 **FULTON COUNTY**
9 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

10 **Sponsored by:**

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12 Moraima Ivory, Commissioner
13 District 4

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