

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2 ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO NON-PROFIT AND OTHER
3 COMMUNITY SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS TO CARRY OUT PROGRAMS AND
4 SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE FULTON
5 COUNTY JUSTICE SYSTEM; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH
6 NECESSARY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PROGRAM; DIRECTING THE
7 COUNTY MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DESIGNATE NO LESS THAN
8 \$3,000,000.00 FOR THE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND FOR OTHER
9 PURPOSES.

10 WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-1-19.1 authorizes the Fulton County Board of
11 Commissioners to provide for the appropriation of money for and the making of grants or
12 contributions to any corporation, association, institution, or individual for purely charitable
13 purposes, provided that the activities funded by any such grants or contributions shall
14 take place within Fulton County and the contributions are delivered in the form of a
15 contract for services; and

16 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners aims to promote access
17 to information, assistance, and support for individuals who come into contact with the
18 various departments and agencies that make up the Fulton County Justice System,
19 including the Superior Court, State Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court, Juvenile
20 Court, District Attorney, Solicitor General, Public Defender, Sheriff's Office, and/or Police
21 Department (collectively, the "Justice Partners"); and

22 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that access to
23 supportive and legal services promotes the fair and just adjudication of court cases and
24 empowers residents to approach any legal issue with confidence, both in and outside the
25 courtroom; and

1 **WHEREAS**, numerous non-profit and community services organizations within
2 Fulton County have experience providing resources, information, programming, and
3 advice to the public regarding the Fulton County Justice System; and

4 **WHEREAS**, facilitating connections which such organizations will improve
5 efficiency and alleviate the burden on staff to provide information to the public; and

6 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of Fulton County to establish a program for the
7 purpose of granting funding to organizations that provide services to those who interact
8 with the Fulton County Justice System; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that any gaps
10 between the community's needs and the services provided by the Justice Partners
11 decreases public trust in the Fulton County Justice System, and by creating the program
12 described herein demonstrates Fulton County's commitment to meet the needs of the
13 community; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the
15 Justice Partners are best situated to evaluate and recommend which organizations meet
16 the needs of individuals interacting with their respective departments and agencies.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
18 Commissioners hereby establishes a program (the "Program") by which the Justice
19 Partners will jointly receive, evaluate, and recommend proposals from non-profit and
20 community service organizations to carry out programs and services within Fulton County
21 for individuals who come into contact with the Fulton County Justice System, where any
22 resulting recommendations shall be provided to the Fulton County Board of
23 Commissioners for final approval of any award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Manager, in consultation with the Justice Partners, shall establish such policies and procedures as are necessary to facilitate the Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Manager and the Director of Finance shall designate no less than \$3,000,000.00 of the Non-Agency budget for FY2026 for purposes of funding the Program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution will take effect upon its adoption, and that all ordinances, resolutions, and parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
Georgia, this 3rd day of December, 2025.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsored by:

Moraima Ivory, Commissioner
(District 4)

ATTEST:

Tonya Grier
Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Y. Soo Jo
County Attorney