

1       **A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN FULTON COUNTY,**  
2       **GEORGIA DUE TO THE THREAT AND IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK;**  
3       **AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**  
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5       **WHEREAS**, beginning in March 2020, Fulton County, Georgia has been  
6 impacted by the threat and spread of a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2  
7 (COVID-19); and

8       **WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, the Georgia Department of Public Health added  
9 COVID-19 to the Notifiable Diseases List in Georgia, ensuring that all physicians,  
10 laboratories, and other health care providers immediately report cases of COVID-19 to  
11 the state to enable rapid epidemiological response to curb the transmission of the  
12 disease; and

13       **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, based upon a 13-fold increase in the number of  
14 cases outside of China within a two week period, more than 118,000 cases in 114  
15 countries, 4,291 deaths and thousands in hospitals fighting for their lives, the World  
16 Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

17       **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, to control the spread of the virus, President  
18 Donald Trump issued a “Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning  
19 the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak”; and

20       **WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp declared a public  
21 health emergency in the State of Georgia, including the area encompassing Fulton  
22 County, to assist health and emergency management officials across Georgia by  
23 deploying all available resources for mitigation and treatment of COVID-19; and

1           **WHEREAS**, as of March 17, 2020, there were 146 confirmed cases in Georgia,  
2 thirty-three (33) of which are in Fulton County and according to national health experts  
3 these numbers may not accurately capture the actual number of cases; and

4           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners  
5 hereby finds that the public health emergency caused by the spread, and potential  
6 spread, of COVID-19 requires the declaration of a local emergency encompassing all of  
7 Fulton County, Georgia in order to protect the public health, marshal all available  
8 resources for the mitigation and treatment of COVID-19, preserve public safety, close  
9 any and all County-owned buildings and other facilities to the use of the general public  
10 during the duration of such public health emergency, coordinate responses with  
11 municipalities within Fulton County, Georgia, counties, the State of Georgia, the United  
12 States government, and any other agencies, and protect the economic benefit of Fulton  
13 County, Georgia;

14           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is necessary to grant to the County  
15 Manager all the power necessary to ensure the maintenance of critical governmental  
16 functions during this public health emergency and to provide guidance to the director of  
17 the Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency as contemplated by Section  
18 114-35 and Section 130-35 of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances;

19           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is necessary to grant to the Chairman and  
20 the County Manager the authority to execute any documents, including but not limited to  
21 contracts, memoranda of understanding or declarations necessary to ensure the  
22 maintenance of critical governmental functions during this public health emergency;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in conjunction with this Resolution, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County instructs the Chairman of the Board, in conjunction with the Fulton County Manager, to sign and effectuate the Declaration of Emergency attached to this Resolution as “Exhibit A” and disseminate it to the public;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall continue until further notice.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,  
Georgia, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPONSORED BY:**

Chairman Robert L. Pitts

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Tonya R. Grier  
Interim Clerk to the Commission

Patrise Perkins-Hooker  
County Attorney