

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO**
2 **ADDRESS MATERNAL AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES WITH CURRENT**
3 **CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND PLANNED INITIATIVES; AND FOR OTHER**
4 **PURPOSES.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Georgia Constitution Art. 9, §2, ¶ 1(a), the Fulton County
7 Board of Commissioners has the power to adopt clearly reasonable ordinances,
8 resolutions, or regulations relating to Fulton County's property, affairs, and local
9 government for which no provision has been made by general law and which is not
10 inconsistent with the state constitution or any local law applicable thereto; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that
12 maternal and infant mortality remain pressing public health challenges that directly
13 affect the well-being and future of Fulton County families; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Georgia House of Representatives Study Committee on
15 Maternal Mortality identified alarming disparities in maternal health outcomes across the
16 state, with Black women disproportionately impacted by pregnancy-related
17 complications and deaths; and

18 **WHEREAS**, research shows that Georgia continues to have one of the highest
19 maternal mortality rates in the nation, with approximately 38 deaths per 100,000 live
20 births, with approximately 87% of cases deemed preventable; and

21 **WHEREAS**, research also shows infant mortality rate remains above the national
22 average at approximately 7 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2023; and

23 **WHEREAS**, studies identify contributing factors such as the limited availability of
24 maternal-care providers, hospital closures in rural areas, barriers to transportation and
25 broadband access, and gaps in prenatal and postpartum care; and

26 **WHEREAS**, aligning current and planned capital investments with efforts to
27 address maternal and infant mortality will help strengthen the County’s overall health
28 capacity and response; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners finds it in the best
30 interest of the County to coordinate its capital investments and public health priorities to
31 address maternal and infant mortality and promote the well-being of all Fulton County
32 residents.

33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
34 Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager to review and assess current capital
35 investments and planned projects to determine how such resources may be used to
36 address maternal and infant mortality within Fulton County; and

37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager shall develop a plan
38 outlining strategies, timelines, and potential coordination among County departments to
39 align existing capital efforts with initiatives that support improved maternal and infant
40 health outcomes; and

41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager shall present the
42 proposed plan to the Board of Commissioners for review and consideration at a future
43 public meeting; and

44 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately
45 upon adoption.

46 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
47 Georgia this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
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