A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO 1 2 ADDRESS MATERNAL AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES WITH CURRENT 3 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND PLANNED INITIATIVES; AND FOR OTHER 4 PURPOSES. 5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Georgia Constitution Art. 9, §2, ¶ 1(a), the Fulton County 6 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 with Black women disproportionately impacted by pregnancy-related state, 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

broadband access, and gaps in prenatal and postpartum care; and

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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.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPONSORED BY:
Mo Ivory, Commissioner (District 4)
Dana Barrett, Commissioner
(District 3)
ATTEST:
Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission
