

1 **RESOLUTION IN OBSERVANCE OF FEBRUARY 2021 AS**
2 **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FULTON COUNTY**
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4 **WHEREAS**, Black History Month is an annual celebration which recognizes the
5 significant contributions of Black Americans throughout our nation's history, through their
6 contributions in arts, education, entertainment, law, politics, sciences, sports and so much
7 more; and

8 **WHEREAS**, since the establishment of Fulton County in 1853, and even before,
9 Black Americans have played a vital and critical role in the development and betterment
10 of Fulton County, Georgia, in a host of areas including business and economics, health
11 and medicine, education, social and cultural advancement, making the County a leader
12 in the Southeast and in the nation in in multiple areas; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the history of Black History Month traces back to 1915, when the
14 "Father of Black History Month," Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founded the Association for the
15 Study of Negro Life and History, which is currently known as the Association for the Study
16 of African American Life and History (ASALH); and

17 **WHEREAS**, through their diligence and commitment to African-American citizens,
18 Dr. Woodson, the second man to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University, and the ASALH
19 introduced the first Negro History Week in February 1926, which later over time grew into
20 a month-long celebration; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, President Gerald R. Ford issued the first African-American
22 History Month presidential proclamation, calling upon all Americans to join in the
23 celebration of this observance each February, and since then, U.S. presidents have
24 issued proclamations to pay tribute to African Americans; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County has been home to many of those African-American
26 leaders, activists and forward-thinking persons we honor, those who have made our

1 County, our State, and our nation a “more perfect union,” even through the darkest days
2 of lynching, inequality and Jim Crow (segregation); and

3 **WHEREAS**, in recognition of Black History Month 2021, the ASALH selected “The
4 Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity” as this year’s theme.

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of
6 Fulton County enthusiastically joins in the national observance of Black History Month,
7 and hereby honors the lives and legacies of those Fulton County citizens who have made
8 significant contributions to our way of life, both in the past, and those yet to come in the
9 future; and urges all Fulton County citizens to use the month as an opportunity to learn
10 more about Black history and participate in the observance through various programs,
11 services and events in Fulton County and around the country; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Board of Commissioners directs the Clerk to
13 the Commission to spread this Resolution upon the official minutes and record of the
14 Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia, and disseminate the Resolution
15 appropriately throughout all of Fulton County and to the citizens and stakeholders in the
16 County.

17 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this _____ day of February 2021.

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19 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
20 **COMMISSIONERS**

21 **SPONSORED BY:**

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Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman
District 6

1 ATTEST:

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4 Tonya R. Grier
5 Clerk to the Commission
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9 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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13 Kaye Woodard Burwell
14 Interim County Attorney
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