RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES AND FULTON COUNTY FOR FUNDING ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections ("Board") is
he entity empowered to supervise and conduct elections in Fulton County pursuant to
989 Ga. Laws p. 4577; and

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9 WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45(c) authorizes the governing authority of any 10 municipality to contract with the county within which that municipality wholly or partially 11 lies to conduct any or all elections; and

12 WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45(c) empowers a municipality to, by ordinance,

13 authorize a county to conduct such elections; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County is responsible for conducting multiple electionsannually; and

WHEREAS, an election cost sharing arrangement between Fulton County and its municipalities has been utilized for conducting elections since the passage of Resolution 17-0628 during at the August 2, 2017 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the costs associated with conducting general, special and runoff 21 elections are increasing and demand greater commitment and provision of resources; 22 and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes the need
to fairly apportion the costs of conducting elections to all citizens and voters of Fulton
County; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County desires to assist the

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citizens and voters of its municipalities and school districts in assisting in funding all 1 2 future municipal and school district elections.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County that in even numbered years when Fulton County is 4 5 holding a regularly scheduled Primary, Primary runoff, General Election or General 6 Election runoff, the County will pay the costs of conducting municipal and school district 7 elections, and hereby waives the fees previously charged to municipalities and school 8 districts for administration of elections and for the reimbursement of overhead costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in odd-numbered years when the 9 municipalities and school districts hold regularly scheduled and special elections, the 10 municipalities and school districts will pay for \$2.96 per registered voter for the election. 11 12 If a run off is required, the municipalities and school districts will pay \$2.46 per 13 registered voter. The payment of these per registered voter amounts is inclusive of the 14 provision of 10 early voting sites. Additional early voting sites could require additional 15 payment.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in odd-numbered years, the municipalities, 17 and school districts will coordinate with Fulton County in setting the dates of elections so as to mitigate the financial burden being shifted to Fulton County for the conduct of 18 elections. 19

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this policy shall be in place for all Fulton County 20 21 municipalities and school districts beginning with elections in 2019 and shall be used as the basis for any agreement with a municipality for the County to conduct their elections. 22 23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this policy will be revisited in the year 2020

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because of the State of Georgia's implementation of a new voting system and 1 2 anticipated rising costs of elections.

3 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution 4 5 are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

6 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia this 7rd day of August, 2019. 7

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Commissioner, District 1 14

Clerk to the Commission

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Commissioner, District 2

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Patrise Perkins-Hooker **County Attorney**

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