

1 **RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FULTON COUNTY TO DEVELOP**
2 **AND EXECUTE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE LOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A**
3 **NEW FULTON COUNTY JAIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

5 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners is charged, among other responsibilities under
6 the law, with maintaining the public health and safety of its approximately one-million residents
7 and citizens, visitors and others in Fulton County; and

9 **WHEREAS**, a key function of safety is an effective and efficient criminal justice system,
10 including courts and judges, prosecutors, defenders, diversion programs and services, and
11 detention facilities that meet humane and legal standards; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Sheriff Patrick Labat and sheriffs before him have publicly
14 pledged the case and the need for a new main detention (jail) facility to replace the outdated and
15 overcrowded Rice Street Jail; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the respective staffs of the County Manager and the Sheriff have begun
18 preliminary discussions on protocols, processes and potential costs of a study of the feasibility for
19 a new Fulton County Jail; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the need for a new facility that will
22 help relieve cost overruns; eliminate unnecessary waste of taxpayer's dollars; and relieve the
23 County of potential lawsuits related to jail overcrowding and other potential legal risks related to
24 the current jail facility and housing of inmates.

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton
27 County hereby approves the development and execution of a feasibility study for the location and
28 construction of a new Fulton County Jail; and

30 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County
31 Manager and the appropriate County staff to work in concert with the Sheriff's Office to execute
32 the best possible feasibility study that meets the aims and goals and full intent of this Resolution;
33 and that the County Manager and the Sheriff shall report back with recommendations for action
34 by the Commission within 30 days; and

36 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution replaces and supersedes any prior act
37 by the Board of Commissioners relative to the topic of this Resolution; and that resolutions and
38 parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

40 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia,
41 this _____ day of August, 2021.

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35 Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission
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38 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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41 Kaye Woodard Burwell, Interim County Attorney