

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO**
2 **REPEAL RESOLUTION 17-0820 ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL JOAN P. GARNER**
3 **WALK AND HEALTH FAIR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners has authority, pursuant to
6 the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Article 9, Sec. 2 ¶ 1(a), to adopt and amend
7 reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or regulations relating to its affairs for which no
8 provision has been made by general law and which is not inconsistent with the Georgia
9 Constitution or any local law applicable thereto; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on October 4, 2017, pursuant to a Resolution passed as Agenda Item
11 17-0820, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners established the annual Joan P.
12 Garner Walk and Health Fair, to occur on the first Saturday in October; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 17-0820 established Fulton County as a sponsor and
14 financial supporter of the annual Joan P. Garner Walk and Health Fair; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the amount of County funds allocated for the Joan P. Garner Walk
16 and Health Fair in 2018 and 2019 was \$25,000.00 per year; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the amount of County funds allocated for the Joan P. Garner Walk
18 and Health Fair in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 was \$50,000.00 per year; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the annual event is a significant undertaking that requires additional
20 County resources such as equipment, facilities, and coordinated staffing from multiple
21 departments, resulting in hundreds of hours of staff time in planning and execution; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the intent of the event has been to connect residents with services
23 and to honor the memory of Commissioner Garner, but it has been challenging to attract
24 residents during a season with many competing events across the city; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County has also named the Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce
2 de Leon after Commissioner Garner; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the updating of signage at the library so that Commissioner Garner's
4 name is more clearly visible would be a tribute to Commissioner Garner that would honor
5 her every day rather than on one day per year; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Commissioner Garner's family is supportive of Fulton County
7 honoring Commissioner Garner through the library signage update rather than continuing
8 the walk and health fair; and

9 **WHEREAS**, for the reasons stated herein, the Fulton County Board of
10 Commissioners elects to rescind Resolution No. 17-0820, so as to end Fulton County's
11 sponsorship and financial support of the Joan P. Garner Walk and Health Fair.

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Fulton County Resolution 17-0820
13 is hereby repealed.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Fulton County's sponsorship and financial
15 support of the Joan P. Garner Walk and Health Fair is hereby terminated.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fulton County Finance Department is
17 directed to place the funds previously allocated for the Joan P. Garner Walk and Health
18 Fair in the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to the appropriate contingency account for
19 subsequent reallocation by the Finance Department.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the signage at the Joan P. Garner Library at
21 Ponce de Leon, for an estimated cost/not to exceed amount of \$15,000.00, shall be
22 updated so that her name will be prominently placed on the brick façade over the main
23 library entrance as an enduring tribute to Commissioner Garner.

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

4 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 7th day of August, 2024.

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6 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
7 **COMMISSIONERS**
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9 **Sponsored by:**

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13 Commissioner Bridget Thorne
14 District 1
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20 **ATTEST:**

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24 Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission
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30 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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34 Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney
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