

1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS
2 (\$1,000.000.00) FOR THE FY2022 CONTRACT FOR SERVICES PROGRAM AWARD
3 TO FULTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE TO FURTHER
4 SUPPORT THE ARTS COMMUNITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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6 WHEREAS, in 1979, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners established the
7 Fulton County Arts Council to enhance the quality of life of Fulton County residents; and

8 WHEREAS, the mission of the Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture is to
9 coordinate with the Fulton County Arts Council to ensure that all Fulton County citizens
10 have access to the arts and the benefits derived from such exposure; and

11 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Arts Council and the Fulton County Department of
12 Arts & Culture serve as the conduit by which the Board of Commissioners provides
13 funding to Fulton County based nonprofit arts organizations to support cultural programs
14 and art related services to Fulton County residents; and

15 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Department of Arts & Culture has vigorously
16 pursued quality arts programming through support and development of artists, arts
17 organizations, arts institutions, and cultural programming for residents; and

18 WHEREAS, beginning in March 2020, Fulton County, Georgia has been impacted
19 by the pandemic caused by the spread of a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
20 (COVID-19); and

21 WHEREAS, the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has
22 negatively impacted Fulton County's arts infrastructure, adversely impacting arts
23 organizations, artists, and their patrons; and

24 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a lack of funding and loss of job
25 opportunities for the Fulton County arts community; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners believes the arts are
2 essential to the quality of life of our citizens and to the economic and social health of our
3 communities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 36-1-19.1 authorizes the County to provide grants,
5 appropriation or contributions for arts and humanities purposes, to be carried out within
6 the boundaries of the County; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Contract for Services program provides the funding
8 for Fulton County's arts infrastructure, arts organizations, and artists in Fulton County;

9 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires to support the
10 Fulton County arts community that has been affected by the pandemic by providing
11 additional funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to the FY2022 Contract for Services
12 program award to the Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
14 Commissioners hereby authorizes additional funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to
15 the FY2022 Contract for Services program award to the Fulton County Department of
16 Arts & Culture.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs
18 the County Manager and the Finance Department to ensure that the funding allocation
19 from the Non-Agency Appropriated Reserve is made available to the Fulton County
20 Department of Arts & Culture through the FY2022 Contract for Services program as
21 quickly as feasible to serve Fulton County's arts infrastructure, arts organizations, and
22 artists in Fulton County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
Georgia, this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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