A RESOLUTION URGING THE GEORGIA GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REFORM AND IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, being the constitutional level of government closest to their constituents, Georgia counties are on the front lines of responding to mental health issues

8 within their communities as well as the development of mental health reform efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners supports efforts designed to provide every citizen in need to have accessible, affordable, and adequate mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners is grateful for the efforts of Georgia's executive, legislative, and judicial branches in working towards mental health reform in recent years, such as the passage of HB 1013 (2022) and introduction of HB 520 (2023), Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs's work on jail diversion initiatives, and Governor Brian Kemp's commitment to expanding mental health resources in schools for children and young adults; and

WHEREAS, despite these prior steps and successes, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that there is still a tremendous amount of work for the citizens of Fulton County and other citizens across Georgia to receive adequate healthcare for mental health and substance abuse disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners finds that urging Governor Brian Kemp and the Georgia General Assembly to continue their efforts in the 2024 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to enhance Georgia citizens' access to vital mental health services would best serve the interests of the citizens of Fulton County and the rest of the state of Georgia.

1	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of	
2	Commissioners hereby reaffirms its commitment to reforming and improving mental	
3	health services for its citizens and all citizens of the state of Georgia.	
4	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners	
5	specifically urges Governor Brian Kemp and the Georgia General Assembly to continue	
6	their efforts in the 2024 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to enhance Georgia	
7	citizens' access to vital mental health services, including the provision of state budgetary	
8	funding for additional behavioral health crisis centers across the state, additional co-	
9	responder units, and other resources to assist those with mental health and substance	
10	abuse disorders.	
11	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is	
12	hereby directed to provide an executed copy of this Resolution to each member of the	
13	Fulton County delegation to the Georgia Senate and Georgia House of Representatives	
14	and to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia.	
15	BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its	
16	adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution	
17	are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.	
18	PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,	
19	Georgia, this 18 th day of October 2023.	
20 21 22	FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	
23	Sponsored by:	
24 25 26	Marvin S. Arrington Jr., Commissioner (District 5)	

ATT	EST:
Ton	ya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission
APF	PROVED AS TO FORM:
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