

1 **N NO. 22-0644 AND RESOLUTION NO. 21-0282 THAT CREATED AND ESTABLISHED**
2 **THE FULTON COUNTY VETERANS EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION BY REVISING**
3 **ITS PURPOSE AND TO ESTABLISH FUNDING FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING FOR**
4 **VETERANS THROUGH EXISTING FULTON COUNTY PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER**
5 **PURPOSES.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2021, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners created
8 and established the Fulton County Veterans Empowerment Commission (the “Veterans
9 Commission”) pursuant to Resolution No. 21-0282 (the “Establishing Resolution”); and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Establishing Resolution provides that the Veterans Commission
11 serves as an advisory body to investigate and provide recommendations to the Board of
12 Commissioners concerning priorities, objectives, and policies which will support the
13 veteran population in Fulton County; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Establishing Resolution further provides that the Veterans
15 Commission would be formed as a domestic nonprofit entity and directed County staff to
16 file the necessary incorporation paperwork with the Georgia Secretary of State; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Establishing Resolution further provides that the Veterans
18 Commission shall research and apply for grant funding and otherwise make funding
19 recommendations for public and private programs which will benefit the veteran
20 population of Fulton County, Georgia; and

21 **WHEREAS**, at its June 16, 2022, meeting, the Veterans Commission voted to
22 recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Veterans Commission amend the
23 Establishing Resolution to provide that the Veterans Commission function solely as an
24 advisory body going forward, and no longer operate as a non-profit corporate entity that
25 applies for grant funding independently; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on September 7, 2022 the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
2 amended Resolution 21-0282 through Resolution No. 22-0644 to provide that the Fulton
3 County Veterans Empowerment Commission shall function solely as an advisory body to
4 the Board of Commissioners and shall abandon being established as a nonprofit
5 corporate entity and can no longer apply for grant funding as a nonprofit corporation; and

6 **WHEREAS**, since its time of existence, the Veterans Empowerment Commission
7 has not provided any recommendations to the Board of Commissioners concerning
8 priorities, objectives, and policies which will support the veteran population in Fulton
9 County; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires to have actionable
11 priorities and objectives to support the veteran population in Fulton County and desires
12 to utilize existing programs and services related to housing, arts and culture, senior
13 services and behavioral health to support the veteran population; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners also desires Fulton
15 County Government to be a welcoming and desirable place of employment for veterans;
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires to change the role
18 of the Veterans Commission to focus on these areas in conjunction with Fulton County
19 staff, while continuing its status and role as an advisory entity for the BOC to investigate
20 and provide recommendations to the BOC concerning priorities, objectives and policies
21 which will support the veterans population of Fulton County.

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1 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Fulton County Board of
2 Commissioners hereby dedicates \$250,000.00 of the budgeted funding for the Fulton
3 County Community Services Program for housing programs which support veterans in
4 Fulton County.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires for
6 the Veterans Commission to consult with the Fulton County Grant Staff to identify and
7 seek/bring in additional funding and resources to add to and enhance the services Fulton
8 County provides for Veterans and their families, with the goal of complete integration of
9 Veterans into all of its services and departments, and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
11 hereby directs County staff to structure the application process for the Community
12 Services Program accordingly.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
14 hereby dedicates \$200,000.00 of the budgeted funding for the Fulton County Arts &
15 Culture Contract for Services Program for arts and culture programming which supports
16 veterans in Fulton County, including but not limited to public memorials, commemorative
17 events, or arts programming.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Veterans Empowerment
19 Commission shall assist the Fulton County Behavioral Health and Developmental
20 Disabilities Department and the Fulton County Department of Senior Services in providing
21 outreach to veterans **and family members of veterans** in Fulton County so that they can
22 take advantage of such Fulton County services, including but not limited to, drug and

1 alcohol treatment, behavioral health counseling for children and adults, adult day
2 programs, seniors transportation, and food programs.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Veterans Empowerment
4 Commission shall assist Fulton County Department of Human Resources Management
5 in providing outreach to veterans in Fulton County so that they are aware of employment
6 opportunities and more likely to apply for employment.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Veterans Commission shall assist Fulton
8 County Department of Human Resources Management in evaluating whether Fulton
9 County Government should establish an employee resource group for veterans to
10 collaborate with Human Resources management and leadership on recruiting,
11 onboarding and retaining employees who are veterans.

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

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this 7th day of January, 2026.

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