

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
2 **EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS' HOUSE RESOLUTION 1382**  
3 **AND SENATE RESOLUTION 790 WHICH COMMEMORATE THE ATLANTA RACE**  
4 **MASSACRE BY HONORING THE VICTIMS AND REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT**  
5 **OF UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO COMBAT HATRED, INJUSTICE AND WHITE**  
6 **SUPREMACY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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8 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County, Georgia, (the "County") is a political subdivision of the  
9 State of Georgia, existing as such under and by the Constitution, statutes, and laws of  
10 the State; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, House Resolution 1382, introduced by Georgia  
12 Representative Nikema Williams, and Senate Resolution 790, introduced by Georgia  
13 Senator Jon Ossoff, seek to commemorate the Atlanta Race Massacre by condemning  
14 atrocities that occurred in Atlanta, Georgia in 1906; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the County seeks to support the commemoration of the Atlanta Race  
16 Massacre by condemning atrocities that occurred in Atlanta, Georgia in 1906; and

17 **WHEREAS**, as recounted in articles published by the Associated Press,  
18 History.com and [www.civilandhumanrights.org](http://www.civilandhumanrights.org), among others, beginning on September  
19 22, 1906, a mob of more than 10,000 white men and boys terrorized Black communities  
20 throughout Atlanta; and

21 **WHEREAS**, mislabeled as race riot, this massacre of Black Americans at the  
22 hands of white supremacists was due to the upward mobility many Blacks were  
23 experiencing in the City of Atlanta; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the official number of deaths were listed as 25 Black residents, the  
25 unofficial estimates were near 100; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the destruction of Black-owned businesses and homes had a specific  
2 purpose: thwarting their economic success and voting power before African-Americans  
3 could claim equal status; and

4           **WHEREAS**, innocent Black men and women were pulled from trolleys, shot in their  
5 workplaces, chased through the streets and beaten to death; and

6           **WHEREAS**, many of the remaining Black-owned business were closed, even  
7 though white and Black Americans were partially integrated at the time; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Black families were forced to move into the southern portion of  
9 Atlanta; and

10          **WHEREAS**, the mob was responding to the upward mobility of Black families in  
11 Atlanta and exaggerated journalism that insinuated Black men were brutalizing white  
12 women in the city; and

13          **WHEREAS**, the racial violence by the mob has been cast in history as a race riot  
14 which muddied the blame; and

15          **WHEREAS**, descendants of these families not only lost a part of their history, but  
16 they also lost their homes, suffered economic losses, and have faced decades of redlining  
17 stemming from the massacre.

18          **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of  
19 Fulton County, Georgia, hereby expresses their support for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress' House  
20 Resolution 1382 and Senate Resolution 790 which commemorate the Atlanta Race  
21 Massacre by honoring the victims and reaffirming the commitment of the United States  
22 Congress to combat hatred, injustice and white supremacy.

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**SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPONSORED BY:**

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Natalie Hall, Commissioner (District 4)

**ATTEST:**

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Tonya Grier, Clerk to the Commission

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney

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