

1 **A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND EMERGENCY PURCHASING AUTHORITY OF THE**
2 **CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY MANAGER FOR COVID-19 RELATED PURCHASES;**
3 **AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
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5 **WHEREAS**, beginning in March 2020, Fulton County, Georgia has been impacted
6 by the threat and spread of a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19); and

7 **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, to control the spread of the virus, President
8 Donald Trump issued a “Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning
9 the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak”; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2021, President Joseph Biden extended the
11 “Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus
12 Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak”; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, by Executive
14 Order 03.14.20.01, declared a public health emergency in the State of Georgia by
15 Executive Order, including the area encompassing Fulton County to assist health and
16 emergency management officials across Georgia by deploying all available resources for
17 mitigation and treatment of COVID-19; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp’s Executive Order 03.14.20.01, which
19 was extended every thirty (30) days by the governor, expired on July 1, 2021; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2021, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, by Executive Order
21 6.30.21.01, declared that the State of Georgia is experiencing an ongoing public
22 emergency due to the impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, supply chain, and
23 healthcare infrastructure, and declared a state of emergency for continued COVID-19
24 recovery in the State of Georgia, which includes the area encompassing Fulton County;
25 and

1 **WHEREAS,** the public health emergency caused by the spread, and potential
2 spread, of COVID-19 has negatively impacted Fulton County's public health, supply
3 chain, and healthcare infrastructure; and

4 **WHEREAS,** on March 18, 2020, the Board of Commissioners ("BOC") passed
5 Resolution No. 20-0237 declaring authorization for the Chairman and the County
6 Manager to execute any documents, including but not limited to contracts, memoranda
7 of understanding or declarations necessary to ensure the maintenance of critical
8 governmental functions during the pandemic; and

9 **WHEREAS,** this authority granted to the Chairman and County Manager, as
10 extended, expires on September 4, 2021; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the BOC wishes to continue the authorization granted to the County
12 Manager and Chairman to make COVID-19 related emergency purchases from any
13 funding the County has received, to include from Federal Emergency Management
14 Agency (FEMA) through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
15 Assistance Act (Stafford Act) (42 U.S.C §§ 5121-5207), Consolidated Appropriations Act
16 (H.R. 133, 116th Cong. (2020)), Emergency Rental Assistance Program (15 U.S.C. §
17 9058c), Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (C.A.R.E.S Act) (Pub. Law
18 116-136, March 27, 2020, 15 U.S.C. § 9001 et seq.), and American Rescue Plan Act (
19 H.R. 1319, 117th Cong. (2021)) using the same process that was put into place to handle
20 C.A.R.E.S. Act funded projects consistent with Fulton County Code of Ordinances § 102-
21 385.

