

1 **A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FULTON**  
2 **COUNTY, GEORGIA (LESSOR) AND TIMES JOURNAL, INC., A GEORGIA**  
3 **CORPORATION (LESSEE), FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING 743 SQUARE**  
4 **FEET OF OFFICE SPACE IN THE BASEMENT OF THE FULTON COUNTY**  
5 **COURTHOUSE AT 136 PRYOR STREET, S.W., ATLANTA, GEORGIA AND**  
6 **RELATED DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE**  
7 **THE LEASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO**  
8 **APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS AS TO**  
9 **FORM AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS THERETO PRIOR TO EXECUTION**  
10 **TO PROTECT THE COUNTY’S INTEREST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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12 **WHEREAS,** Fulton County, Georgia (the “County”), is a political  
13 subdivision of the State Georgia and is committed to the practice of maximizing  
14 the utility of its real property assets; and

15 **WHEREAS,** it is a County initiative that all people trust the government to  
16 be efficient, effective and fiscally sound, to manage its finances wisely, and to  
17 develop and follow policies that promote both efficient and effective practices in  
18 all areas to include the use of its underutilized resources; and

19 **WHEREAS,** the County previously leased office space in the basement of  
20 the Fulton County Courthouse at 136 Pryor Street, SW, to ALM Media, LLC  
21 (“ALM Media”), that was originally approved as Agenda Item #17-0234 at the  
22 Board of Commissioners’ meeting held March 15, 2017, amended April 19, 2017  
23 as Agenda Item #17- 0357 and December 16, 2020 as Agenda Item #20-0928  
24 (the “Lease”); and

25 **WHEREAS,** the Times Journal, Inc. publication, the *South Fulton*  
26 *Neighbor*, has replaced the ALM Media LLC publication, the *Fulton County Daily*  
27 *Report*, as the legal organ of Fulton County and submitted a formal request to the  
28 Department of Real Estate and Asset Management and the Clerk of Superior  
29 Court of its desire to lease the 743 square feet of office space in the basement at

1 136 Pryor Street in the Fulton County Courthouse previously leased by ALM  
2 Media LLC; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it is mutual desire of Fulton County and Times Journal, Inc.  
4 to enter into a new lease agreement for the purpose providing office space  
5 necessary for legal publication services to Fulton County residents that are  
6 complementary to the services provided by the Fulton County Clerk of Superior  
7 Court; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Article 9, § 2, ¶ 1(a) of the Georgia Constitution provides  
9 that “[t]he governing authority of each county shall have legislation power to  
10 adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or regulations relating to its  
11 property, affairs, and local government for which no provision has been made by  
12 general law and which is not inconsistent with this Constitution or any local law  
13 applicable thereto” and Fulton County Code § 1-117 confers upon the Board of  
14 Commissioners the exclusive jurisdiction and control over directing and  
15 controlling all the property of the county, as they may deem expedient, according  
16 to law.

17 **NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board of  
18 Commissioners of Fulton County hereby approves the “Lease Agreement”  
19 between Fulton County, Georgia and Times Journal Inc., attached hereto in  
20 substantial form as Exhibit “A”.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of Fulton County Board  
22 of Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Lease

1 Agreement and other necessary documents to the Times Journal Inc. to  
2 complete the leasing request.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Attorney is hereby  
4 authorized to approve the Lease Agreement as to form and to make necessary  
5 modifications thereto to protect the County's interests prior to execution by the  
6 Chairman.

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

10 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

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**FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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Robert L. Pitts, Chairman  
Fulton County Board of  
Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Tonya R. Grier  
Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney

EXHIBIT A  
Lease Agreement