

1 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 (HUMAN RELATIONS) OF THE FULTON**
2 **COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE III**
3 **(DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING) TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING**
4 **BASED ON A PERSON’S SEX, RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, DISABILITY, FAMILIAL**
5 **STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR**
6 **GENDER EXPRESSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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8 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County has a richly diverse population consisting of people of
9 every race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity
10 and gender expression; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County has an interest in ensuring that its inhabitants may be
12 free from prejudice based upon their race, color, religion, disability, familial status,
13 national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) is dedicated to
15 a policy of non-discrimination within Fulton County and is committed to creating an
16 environment that fosters and enhances diversity and equal opportunity in housing; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that animosity toward individuals based on race,
18 color, religion, disability, familial status, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender
19 identity, and gender expression is contrary to the Board’s policy of inclusivity; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County welcomes residents without regard to race, color,
21 religion, disability, familial status, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity,
22 and gender expression; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County desires to safeguard the rights and opportunities of all
24 persons to be free from discrimination in housing; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of Fulton County and its
26 residents to adopt a non-discrimination policy in Chapter 38 of the Fulton County Code of
27 Ordinances to prohibit discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, disability,
28 familial status, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender
29 expression; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Board has authority pursuant to the Constitution of the State of
31 Georgia, Article 9, Sec. 2 § 1(a), to adopt reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or
32 regulations relating to its affairs for which no provision has been made by general law and
33 which is not inconsistent with the Constitution or any local law applicable thereto; and

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ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney

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