

1 **A RESOLUTION TO REALLOCATE AT LEAST TWO PERCENT OF THE FISCAL**
2 **YEAR 2026 BUDGET TOWARDS EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE**
3 **ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW HOSPITAL FACILITIES IN ATLANTA AND SOUTH**
4 **FULTON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Georgia Constitution Art. 9, §2, ¶ 1(a), the Fulton County
7 Board of Commissioners has the power to adopt reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or
8 regulations relating to Fulton County’s property, affairs, and local government for which
9 no provision has been made by general law and which is not inconsistent with the state
10 constitution or any local law applicable thereto; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners is the governing
12 authority of Fulton County, Georgia, and is responsible for adopting and administering
13 the County’s annual budget and allocating public funds for the health, safety, and
14 welfare of County residents; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Grady Health System is constructing a new freestanding emergency
16 room in South Fulton, which is anticipated to open in Fall 2026; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Medical Center closed four years ago, and the gap
18 created by the loss of that hospital has still not been solved; and

19 **WHEREAS**, public reports and ongoing discussions indicate that additional
20 hospital facilities may be planned or considered within the City of Atlanta; and

21 **WHEREAS**, while the construction of the freestanding emergency department in
22 South Fulton and potential hospital development within the City of Atlanta represents
23 important expansions of regional healthcare capacity, significant geographic areas
24 within South Fulton remain without proximate emergency medical facilities; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that residents located
26 between Union City and Atlanta may continue to experience limited access to

27 emergency medical options, resulting in increased travel times and potential strain on
28 existing facilities; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to proactively prepare for both
30 current and anticipated healthcare developments while also identifying strategies to
31 address existing service gaps within the southern part of Fulton County to ensure more
32 equitable access to emergency care; and

33 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds that reserving funding within the
34 Fiscal Year 2026 budget will allow the County to participate in or support expenditures
35 associated with planning, development, or implementation efforts related to such
36 hospital projects; and

37 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to ensure that sufficient
38 financial resources are identified and reserved in advance to support healthcare
39 infrastructure investments as opportunities arise;

40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that for Fiscal Year 2026, the Board of
41 Commissioners authorizes a reallocation of at least two percent of the Fiscal Year 2026
42 Budget toward expenditures related to the establishment of new hospitals in Atlanta and
43 South Fulton.

44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs
45 the County Manager or his designee to propose budgets in upcoming fiscal years that
46 will include at least a two percent budget allocation towards expenditures related to the
47 establishment of new hospitals in Atlanta and South Fulton.

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

51 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
52 Georgia this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPONSORED BY:

Mo Ivory, Commissioner
(District 4)

ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
