

1 **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF LOCALITY PAY TO THE SUPERIOR**
2 **COURT JUDGES OF THE ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; AND FOR OTHER**
3 **PURPOSES.**

4 WHEREAS, the Superior Court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit serves Fulton County as the trial
5 court of general jurisdiction and adjudicates complex civil and criminal matters affecting the
6 citizens of Fulton County and the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the compensation of Superior Court judges in the Atlanta Judicial Circuit is currently
8 established through a combination of state salary and, where authorized by law, county salary
9 supplements; and

10 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Georgia has enacted legislation revising the compensation
11 structure for Superior Court judges and establishing a new judicial pay plan for judges in office as
12 of July 1, 2025 who elect to participate in that plan and all judges taking office after July 1, 2025;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-6-29.2, counties are authorized to provide “locality pay”
15 to Superior Court judges; and

16 WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 15-6-29.2 provides that such locality pay shall not exceed the amount
17 authorized by law and that the locality pay shall decrease automatically if the state salary for
18 Superior Court judges increases; and

19 WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 15-6-29.2 further authorizes counties to continue providing existing
20 fringe benefits and retirement benefits to Superior Court judges; and

21 WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 15-6-29.2(e)(1) authorizes counties to continue providing an additional
22 supplement to the Chief Judge of the circuit; and

23 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of attracting and maintaining
24 an exceptionally qualified judiciary to support the effective administration of justice in Fulton
25 County and to pay the judiciary compensation that reflects the cost of living in Fulton County; and

26 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to authorize locality pay for those Superior Court
27 judges of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit who were in office as of July 1, 2025 and elect to participate
28 in the new judicial pay plan and those who take office after July 1, 2025.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes
30 payment of locality pay in the maximum amount currently authorized by O.C.G.A. § 15-6-29.2,
31 not to exceed \$20,106.00 per annum, to each Superior Court Judge of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit
32 who elects to participate in the judicial pay plan established by O.C.G.A. § 15-6-29.2 and who
33 assumes office after July 1, 2025 under that plan, in lieu of the existing county salary supplement.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such locality pay shall automatically decrease in accordance
2 with O.C.G.A. § 15-6-29.2(b) if the state salary paid to Superior Court judges increases, without
3 further action by this Board of Commissioners.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Fulton County shall continue to provide to the judges of the
5 Superior Court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit all fringe benefits and retirement benefits consistent
6 with Resolution 25-0482 passed on June 18, 2025.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Fulton County shall continue to provide any existing
8 supplement for the Chief Judge of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit as authorized by law.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing in this Resolution shall alter or diminish the current
10 county salary supplement or benefits of any Superior Court judge who does not elect to participate
11 in the new judicial pay plan.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

13 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this
14 Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

15 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1 day of April, 2026.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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