

1 **A RESOLUTION TO ENSURE AND REAFFIRM THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING IN**
2 **THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) FOR THE FULTON**
3 **COUNTY VETERANS COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT**
4 **SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS RESIDING IN FULTON COUNTY,**
5 **GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

6 **WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S.
7 service members returning to civilian life have difficulty reconnecting with family and re-
8 establishing a role in the family; joining or creating a community; preparing to enter to the
9 civilian workforce or returning to a civilian job; creating structure; providing food, clothing
10 and housing for themselves; establishing services such as medical, dental, insurance, or
11 other service benefits; and are at greater risk for suicide and homelessness than those
12 who have not served in the U.S. military; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners believes that providing
14 funding for veterans programs will benefit all citizens of Fulton County by assisting the
15 veteran population residing in Fulton County with their transition to civilian life and dealing
16 with the unique challenges facing the veteran population; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County is currently developing a community services grant
18 program to fund veterans organizations that support the wellbeing of veterans residing in
19 Fulton County that will focus on three key areas: (1) Economic Stability/Poverty; (2)
20 Health & Wellness; and (3) Homeless & Housing; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds it to be in the best interest of County
22 citizens to reaffirm the funding allocation of \$1,000,000.00 in the Fulton County budget
23 as a budget enhancement for use by the Fulton County Veterans Community Services

1 grant program, when implemented, to support services and programs for veterans
2 residing in Fulton County, Georgia; and

3 **WHEREAS**, funding for the Fulton County Veterans Community Services grant
4 program is authorized pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-1-19.1, which allows Fulton County to
5 appropriate money for, and the making of grants or contributions, to any corporation,
6 association, institution, or individual for purely charitable purposes, provided that the
7 activities funded by any such grants or contributions shall take place within the county
8 making such grant or contribution and is in the form of contracts for services.

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners hereby
10 reaffirms funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (One Million Dollars), to be allocated for
11 the Fulton County Veterans Community Services grant program to support various
12 programs and services for veterans residing in Fulton County.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs
14 the County Manager and the Finance Department to ensure that the funding allocation is
15 made available to the Fulton County Veterans Community Services grant program as
16 quickly as feasible to implement the grant program to serve our veteran population.

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

20 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this _____ day of March, 2022.

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23 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

SPONSORED BY:

Marvin S. Arrington, Jr.
Commissioner, District 5

ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier, Clerk of Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Attorney

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