

1 **A RESOLUTION URGING THE GEORGIA GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL**  
2 **ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REFORM**  
3 **AND IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA;**  
4 **AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.**  
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6 **WHEREAS**, being the constitutional level of government closest to their  
7 constituents, Georgia counties are on the front lines of responding to mental health issues  
8 within their communities as well as the development of mental health reform efforts; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners supports efforts designed  
10 to provide every citizen in need to have accessible, affordable, and adequate mental  
11 health services; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners is grateful for the efforts  
13 of Georgia's executive, legislative, and judicial branches in working towards mental health  
14 reform in recent years, such as the passage of HB 1013 (2022) and introduction of HB  
15 520 (2023), Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs's work on jail  
16 diversion initiatives, and Governor Brian Kemp's commitment to expanding mental health  
17 resources in schools for children and young adults; and

18 **WHEREAS**, despite these prior steps and successes, the Fulton County Board of  
19 Commissioners recognizes that there is still a tremendous amount of work for the citizens  
20 of Fulton County and other citizens across Georgia to receive adequate healthcare for  
21 mental health and substance abuse disorders; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners finds that urging Governor  
23 Brian Kemp and the Georgia General Assembly to continue their efforts in the 2024  
24 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to enhance Georgia citizens' access to vital  
25 mental health services would best serve the interests of the citizens of Fulton County and  
26 the rest of the state of Georgia.

1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of  
2 Commissioners hereby reaffirms its commitment to reforming and improving mental  
3 health services for its citizens and all citizens of the state of Georgia.

4           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners  
5 specifically urges Governor Brian Kemp and the Georgia General Assembly to continue  
6 their efforts in the 2024 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to enhance Georgia  
7 citizens' access to vital mental health services, including the provision of state budgetary  
8 funding for additional behavioral health crisis centers across the state, additional co-  
9 responder units, and other resources to assist those with mental health and substance  
10 abuse disorders.

11           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is  
12 hereby directed to provide an executed copy of this Resolution to each member of the  
13 Fulton County delegation to the Georgia Senate and Georgia House of Representatives  
14 and to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia.

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

18           **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,  
19 Georgia, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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**FULTON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Sponsored by:**

  
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Marvin S. Arrington Jr., Commissioner  
(District 5)

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**ATTEST:**

*Tonya R. Grier*  
Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

*Y. Soo Jo*  
Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney



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