

1 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR**
2 **THE OFFICE OF THE FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL**

3 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County is committed to the public safety of all citizens;

4 **WHEREAS**, felonious crime in Fulton County has increased significantly, causing
5 Fulton County residents to feel less safe;

6 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office (the "DA's Office") is
7 responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of criminal statutes within Fulton
8 County; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, historic backlog of cases
10 maintained by the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney and the current high crime
11 rate, there is currently a significant backlog of criminal cases in the Superior Court of
12 Fulton County, Georgia; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in order to timely investigate and prosecute these backlogged criminal
14 cases and respond adequately to the increased crime rate and increased number of
15 cases received, the DA's Office must increase personnel immediately; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the DA's Office needs additional fifty-five (55) employees to begin
17 working between November 2021 and December 2021;

18 **WHEREAS**, these additional fifty-five (55) employees, not including current
19 permanent, seasonal or temporary staff, but includes additional ADA IVs, ADA IIIs,
20 Senior Investigators, Community Resource Specialists, an IT Specialist, Legal Assistants
21 and Victim Witness Advocates are immediately needed for the DA's Office to respond to
22 its increase criminal case load;

23 **WHEREAS**, thirty-seven (37) of the fifty-five (55) employees will likely be hired and
24 on-boarded on November 8, 2021, receiving four (4) pay-outs for CY 2021 and the
25 remaining eighteen (18) employees will likely be hired and on-boarded on December 8,
26 2021.

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