

1 **A RESOLUTION CREATING AND ESTABLISHING “THE FULTON COUNTY**
2 **SUMMER TEEN JOB TRAINING PROGRAM” FOR THE PURPOSE OF**
3 **PROVIDING FULTON COUNTY TEENS WITH PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND**
4 **HANDS-ON WORK EXPERIENCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, in March 2020, a world-wide emergency arose with respect to
7 a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (“COVID-19”), which rapidly spread
8 throughout the world and had an unprecedented adverse impact on the citizens
9 and communities throughout Fulton County, Georgia, including the teens of
10 Fulton County, among others; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the well-documented drop in teen employment rates following
12 the COVID-19 pandemic has raised concerns that it is becoming more difficult for
13 teens, and particularly at-risk teens, to gain the training and job skills necessary
14 to find pathways into the labor market; and

15 **WHEREAS**, this lack of early work experience can negatively affect
16 employment and earnings later in life; and

17 **WHEREAS**, summer jobs programs and internships for youth are
18 important vehicles to help low-income and at-risk youth gain work experience,
19 expand their social and professional networks, imagine new possibilities for
20 themselves, and engage in positive, constructive activities during time that would
21 otherwise be unstructured; and

22 **WHEREAS**, recent studies are promising, linking youth summer job
23 training programs and internships to reduced criminal activity and incarceration,
24 improved academic outcomes, and successful achievement of future career
25 goals; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners (“Board”)
2 recognizes the importance of providing Fulton County teens with the opportunity
3 to gain work experience, develop interpersonal skills, and learn and explore
4 career interests while earning income during the summer; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 21-0221 on
6 March 17, 2021 promulgating Fulton County’s acceptance and outlining the
7 County’s priorities for usage of federal funds available to Fulton County from the
8 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”)(H.R. 1319, 117th Cong.) (2021); a
9 bill signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2022, the U.S. Department of the Treasury issued
11 its "Final Rule", regarding the use of ARPA funds with guidelines, rules, and
12 directives to recipients of ARPA funds; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Final Rule advises that the purpose of ARPA is to provide
14 a substantial infusion of resources to assist the pandemic response, including
15 rebuilding a stronger, more equitable economy as the country recovers; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to use a portion of
17 Fulton County’s ARPA funds to create and establish “The Fulton County Teen
18 Job Training Program” dedicated to providing Fulton County teens with paid
19 summer work-related experiences, enabling them to develop critical workforce
20 and organizational skills, explore future career interests, and make informed
21 decisions about the necessary educational and training pathways to achieve
22 desired future career goals.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of
2 Commissioners of Fulton County hereby authorizes the creation of The Fulton
3 County Teen Job Training Program” and directs the County Manager to engage
4 County staff to do what is necessary to implement and operate “The Fulton
5 County Teen Job Training Program” using up to Five Hundred Thousand and
6 Zero Dollars (\$500,000) of the ARPA funds awarded to Fulton County so as to
7 provide low income and at-risk Fulton County teens with professional skills and
8 hands-on paid summer work experience for calendar year 2022.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that “The Fulton County Teen Job Training
10 Program” shall be implemented annually, where the funding source is identified.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of Fulton County Board
12 of Commissioners and County Manager are hereby authorized and directed to
13 execute and deliver any and all documents necessary to create, implement, and
14 operate “The Fulton County Teen Job Training Program.”

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that prior to execution of any documents,
16 the County Attorney shall approve any and all documents as to form and make
17 any necessary changes thereto to protect the interests of Fulton County.

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

21 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 4th day of May, 2022.

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**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

SPONSORED BY:

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

ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier
Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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