AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 (HUMAN RELATIONS) OF THE FULTON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE III (DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING) TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING BASED ON A PERSON'S SEX, RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, DISABILITY, FAMILIAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR GENDER EXPRESSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, Fulton County has a richly diverse population consisting of people of every race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression; and

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WHEREAS, Fulton County has an interest in ensuring that its inhabitants may be free from prejudice based upon their race, color, religion, disability, familial status, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; and

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WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners ("Board") is dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination within Fulton County and is committed to creating an environment that fosters and enhances diversity and equal opportunity in housing; and

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WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that animosity toward individuals based on race, color, religion, disability, familial status, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression is contrary to the Board's policy of inclusivity; and

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WHEREAS, Fulton County welcomes residents without regard to race, color, religion, disability, familial status, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; and

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WHEREAS, Fulton County desires to safeguard the rights and opportunities of all persons to be free from discrimination in housing; and

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WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of Fulton County and its residents to adopt a non-discrimination policy in Chapter 38 of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to prohibit discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, disability, familial status, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and

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WHEREAS, the Board has authority pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Article 9, Sec. 2 § 1(a), to adopt reasonable ordinances, resolutions, or regulations relating to its affairs for which no provision has been made by general law and which is not inconsistent with the Constitution or any local law applicable thereto; and

1	WHEREAS, this Ordinance is in the best interests of the health, safety and genera
2	welfare of the County, its residents and general public.
3	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Board of Commissioners or
4	Fulton County hereby amends Chapter 38 of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to
5	create a new Article III (Discrimination in Housing) to address this important public
6	interest.
7	BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall become
8	and be made part of the Code of Fulton County, Georgia, and that the sections of this
9	ordinance shall read as follows:
10	Sec. 38-40. Declaration of policy.
11	It is hereby declared to be the policy of unincorporated Fulton County,
12	Georgia, in the exercise of its police power for the public safety, public
13	health, and general welfare to provide within constitutional limitations, that
14	discrimination in any aspect relating to the sale, rental, or financing of
15	dwellings or in the provision of brokerage services or facilities in connection
16	with the sale or rental of a dwelling because of a person's race, color,
17	religion, disability, familial status, national origin, sex, sexual orientation,
18	gender identity, or gender expression shall be prohibited.
19	BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall be effective immediately
20	upon the date of its adoption by the Board of Commissioners.
21	BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED, that all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflic
22	with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.
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24	SO PASSED AND ADOPTED, this day of, 2022.
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26	FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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