A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$500,000.00 TO ATLANTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE ("ATC") IN SUPPORT OF ATC'S EXPANSION OF ITS COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") IN FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ENHANCE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITITIES FOR THE CITIZENS OF FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER AND COUNTY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY AND ATC REGARDING THE USE OF SAID FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE FULTON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO EXPEND SUCH FUNDS AFTER THE COUNTY MANAGER IDENTIFIES THE SOURCE OF SAID FUNDING UNDER THE APPROVED COUNTY BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 

WHEREAS, a major priority of Fulton County, Georgia is to investigate, study, and undertake ways and means of promoting and encouraging prosperous economic development and protection of business, industry, and commerce within Fulton County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Technical College ("ATC") is a public technical college located in Atlanta, Georgia that is part of the Technical College System of Georgia ("TCSG") that provides educational services for Fulton and Clayton Counties; and

WHEREAS, ATC's Economic Development Division provides training programs and services designed to meet the needs of Georgia's businesses, industries and individuals in Fulton and Clayton Counties through training and developing solutions to the challenges facing Georgia's businesses, particularly in developing a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, the metro-Atlanta area is a transportation hub, with ready access to airports and interstates; and

WHEREAS, ATC estimates that the number of jobs in this field is expected to increase by 14% nationally and 16% in the State of Georgia over the next several years; and

**WHEREAS**, according to ATC, estimated salaries in this field start at \$40,000.00 a year; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County and ATC are interested in expanding ATC's commercial driver's education to train Fulton County residents, and others, to operate vehicles requiring a commercial driver's license to operate; and

 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that providing funding in an amount up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$500,000.00) to ATC will create and enhance opportunities for countless Fulton County residents to obtain a commercial driver's license that will benefit their lives and the communities in which they reside; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County Code of Laws ("FCC") § 1-117 gives the Board of Commissioners exclusive authority over the affairs of the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-1-19.1, Fulton County is authorized and empowered under the laws of the State of Georgia to appropriate money for the making of any grant or contribution for purely charitable purposes, with such purposes being defined to include educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to FCC § 2-152, the County Manager has the duty "to conduct, supervise and administer all county affairs, subject only to the general law, to rules prescribed by the [Board of Commissioners], and subject to the right of the [Board of Commissioners] to review, repeal or modify any action of the [County Manager] which is contrary to the general law or such rules ..."; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of Fulton County, Georgia for the County Manager and the County Attorney to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement between ATC and Fulton County related to the expansion of ATC's commercial driving program with Fulton County and the contribution of an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 towards the program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes the County Manager and the County Attorney to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Atlanta Technical College and Fulton County and the contribution of an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 towards the program.

T	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute the
2	Intergovernmental Agreement and related documents, after this Intergovernmental
3	Agreement is approved as to form by the County Attorney, who is authorized to make
4	necessary modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chairman.
5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized
6	to expend funding under the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Atlanta Technical
7	College from a funding source identified by the County Manager under the approved
8	County Budget.
9	BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its
10	adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution
11	are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.
12	PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
13	Georgia, this 3 <sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2022.
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