

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO**  
2 **SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO**  
3 **CREATE TRANSPARENCY IN POLICING AND TO ADDRESS POLICE BRUTALITY**  
4 **AND EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE PERPETRATED AGAINST AFRICAN**  
5 **AMERICANS AND OTHER PERSONS OF COLOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, police officers fulfill important roles in our society, including to serve  
8 and protect all Americans; and

9 **WHEREAS**, although the vast majority of police officers perform exceptionally,  
10 transparency and accountability are valuable both to promote greater public confidence  
11 in policing and to ensure the actions of certain police officers do not overshadow the  
12 indispensable work done by the overwhelming majority of members of this profession;  
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, excessive force in a police-citizen encounter is among the leading  
15 causes of death for young men of color; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Black people, including Black women and girls are killed during  
17 police-citizen encounters at disproportionately higher rates than their White peers; and

18 **WHEREAS**, incidents of police brutality and the use of excessive force resulting  
19 in the death of young men of color each year, and the demonstrations that followed have  
20 brought sustained national attention to the tragic outcomes that can result from  
21 encounters between police officers and African-Americans or other people of color; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners believes that all persons  
23 should receive equal treatment under our laws and that steps must be taken, and  
24 programs must be developed and adopted to reduce and eliminate police brutality and  
25 excessive use of force by police officers, especially when they encounter African-  
26 Americans or other persons of color; and

27           **WHEREAS**, in 2019, the FBI established the National Use of Force Data  
28 Collection, in partnership with law enforcement agencies, to provide nationwide statistics  
29 on law enforcement use-of-force incidents, but the program is strictly voluntary, and to  
30 date just twenty-seven percent (27%) of agencies have contributed data; and

31           **WHEREAS**, state-based decertification registries can enable law enforcement  
32 hiring managers to discern whether law enforcement job candidates have been  
33 terminated for misconduct; and

34           **WHEREAS**, Arizona and Nevada have recently established or enhanced their  
35 use-of-force reporting requirements to state authorities or the FBI Use-of-Force Data  
36 Collection program, with Nevada's law requiring agencies to submit use-of-force incident  
37 data to a central state repository and publicly release it monthly; and

38           **WHEREAS**, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, and California have recently  
39 enacted laws to establish decertification registries and practices or to enhance existing  
40 ones; and

41           **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, to promote better and  
42 more transparent policing, and to eliminate incidents of police brutality and excessive  
43 use of force, supports legislation providing a legal framework and the necessary capacity  
44 for collecting and making publicly available aggregate data on police officers' use of force  
45 in accordance with FBI standards; and

46           **WHEREAS**, to eliminate the hiring and retention of bad actors in law enforcement  
47 agencies, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners supports legislation in the General  
48 Assembly to establish decertification registries and practices.

49           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of  
50 Commissioners supports enactment of legislation by the General assembly to eliminate  
51 instances of excessive use of force, acts of brutality, and racial profiling, and to also  
52 require stringent oversight, reporting, and independent investigations into instances of  
53 police brutality, racial profiling, and excessive use of force against African-Americans,  
54 other people of color, and other historically marginalized communities.

55           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners  
56 calls on State legislators to adopt sound and unbiased law enforcement policies that  
57 reduce the disparate impact of police brutality and use of force on African-Americans,  
58 other people of color, and other historically marginalized communities, to include but not  
59 be limited to, requiring law enforcement agencies in Georgia to participate in the FBI's  
60 Use-of-Force Data Collection program, and enacting laws to establish decertification  
61 registries and practices or enhance existing ones.

62           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon passage of this Resolution, the Clerk to  
63 the Commission is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Fulton County  
64 Legislative Delegation.

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

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69           **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.

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**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**SPONSORED BY:**

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Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., District 5

**ATTEST:**

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Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney