

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN**
2 **OPPOSITION OF ANY PROPOSED INTERRUPTION OR SUSPENSION OF FEDERAL**
3 **GRANT FUNDING OR STATE FUNDING AWARDED OR APPROPRIATED TO THE**
4 **FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**
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6 **WHEREAS**, United States Representative Andrew Clyde, among others, has
7 indicated his intention to block federal grant money from being awarded to the Fulton
8 County District Attorney’s Office; and

9 **WHEREAS**, United States Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene and United
10 States Representative Jim Jordan have falsely stated that federal grant money played a
11 direct role in the prosecution of Donald J. Trump; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County District Attorney’s records clearly demonstrate that
13 no grant money was spent on the case involving former President Donald Trump; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since January 2021, the Fulton County District Attorney’s Office has
15 received over \$10 million in Federal Grant money to fund adult diversion, juvenile gang
16 diversion, victim advocacy, sexual assault kit processing, lifesaving Narcan, and other
17 essential programs that lead to a safer Fulton County; and

18 **WHEREAS**, a suspension or interruption of federal funding for these essential
19 programs would either place an additional burden on the taxpayers of Fulton County or
20 leave the County without services that help reduce the jail population, prevent lethal
21 overdoses, reduce crime, and protect victims and their families; and

22 **WHEREAS**, on August 30,2023, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported that
23 members of the Georgia General assembly are considering sanctions and unprecedented
24 funding cuts to the Fulton County District Attorney’s Office; and

25 **WHEREAS**, any such suspension or interruption of funding for the Fulton County
26 District Attorney’s office would either place an additional burden on the taxpayers of

1 Fulton County or lead to a serious backlog of criminal cases and a subsequent increase
2 in population at the Fulton County Jail; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners is committed to improving
4 our criminal justice system, keeping our community safe, and protecting the best interest
5 of the taxpayers, and believes that federal grant funding and state funding are both critical
6 parts of those efforts.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
8 Commissioners believes the threat of reducing or eliminating federal grant funding and
9 state funding to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office to be politically motivated and
10 not in the best interest of our citizens, and therefore urges the United States House of
11 Representatives and the Georgia General Assembly to maintain all funding directed to
12 the Fulton County District Attorney's Office without interruption.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners
14 additionally urges the United States House of Representatives and the Georgia General
15 Assembly to refrain from blocking any future federal grant money or state funds from
16 being awarded or appropriated to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office.

17 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that upon adoption of this Resolution, that the Clerk
18 to the Commission is directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Georgia
19 Congressional Delegation, the Chairperson and ranking members of the United States
20 House Appropriations Committee, the Fulton County State Legislative Delegation, the
21 Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, and the Lieutenant Governor of the
22 State of Georgia.

1 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
2 Georgia, this 6th day of September, 2023.

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4 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
5 **COMMISSIONERS**

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7 Sponsored by:

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10 Dana Barrett, Commissioner, District 3

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12 ATTEST:

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16 Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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21 Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney