

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-0582 EXTENDING THE
PROVISION OF CHILD CARE FOR EMPLOYEES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the
Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”) disease a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national
emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp issued Executive Order
3.14.20.01, which declared a public health emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Georgia General Assembly, during the 2020
Special Session, ratified Governor Brian Kemp’s public health emergency declaration,
and reserved the right to terminate the emergency declaration through further legislative
action; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, during its meeting on
March 18, 2020, also declared a public health emergency in the County of Fulton; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp issued Executive Order
4.01.20.01, ordered closure of all public elementary, secondary, and post-secondary
schools in Georgia through the end of the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, many day cares and public and private schools re-opened for the
2020-2021 school year have done so with fully or partially virtual educational formats;
and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2020, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, via
Resolution No. 20-0582, authorized temporary child care assistance through December
31, 2020; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County, in furtherance of the temporary child care assistance
2 program, entered into an agreement (Care@Work) with a child care services provider
3 for the purpose of making child care accessible to covered employees; and

4 **WHEREAS**, since December 31, 2020, COVID-19 has continued to interrupt the
5 complete re-opening and reduce the capacity of day cares and public and private
6 schools; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Governor Brian Kemp issued his most recent Executive Order on
8 February 26, 2021, effectively extending the previously declared public health
9 emergency through April 6, 2021; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress and President Joe Biden are continuing
11 discussions about federal legislation aimed to assist the country with this pandemic
12 through 2021; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the impact of the public
14 health emergency in Georgia is likely to extend several more months; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County has continued to require employees in critical public
16 health and public safety positions to continue to work on site despite the public health
17 emergency and its impact on schools; and

18 **WHEREAS**, full and partial virtual education of school aged children creates a
19 significant burden for both on-site employees who are now prevented from leaving their
20 children in the care of a school and telecommuting employees who are now tasked with
21 substantially participating in the daily instruction to their children.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners hereby
23 extends the temporary child care assistance program, adopted via Resolution No. 20-

0582, from December 31, 2020 until such time the Care@Work agreement expires or terminates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the remainder of Resolution 20-0582 remains unchanged.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this ____ day of March, 2021.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

SPONSORED BY:

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tonya Grier
Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kaye Woodard Burwell
Interim County Attorney

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