

1 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY AND**  
2 **THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO TEMPORARILY UTILIZE THE ATLANTA CITY**  
3 **DETENTION CENTER AS A LOCATION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS**  
4 **AND SERVICES REGARDING JUSTICE REFORM AND TO ADDRESS FULTON**  
5 **COUNTY JAIL HOUSING CONCERNS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**  
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7 **WHEREAS,** Fulton County and Fulton County's law enforcement partners,  
8 including the Fulton County Sheriff, are constantly assessing opportunities to improve  
9 public safety within Fulton County and promote community health, immigration justice,  
10 and criminal justice reform; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the City of Atlanta seeks to temporarily use the Atlanta City Detention  
12 Center as a location to alleviate overcrowding at the Fulton County Jail, in addition to  
13 providing additional programs and services to promote public safety, community health,  
14 immigration justice, and criminal justice reform; and

15 **WHEREAS,** on May 3, 2021, the City of Atlanta passed Resolution 21-R-3259  
16 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A"), authorizing the City to discuss the utilization of the Atlanta  
17 City Detention Center for the mutual benefit of the City, Fulton County, and the Fulton  
18 County Sheriff; and

19 **WHEREAS,** the City of Atlanta has invited Fulton County to take part in a unique  
20 opportunity to bridge the gap between restorative justice and social change with the intent  
21 to enhance public safety through a mutually agreeable utilization of the Atlanta City  
22 Detention Center as a resource to alleviate the current detainee and inmate population  
23 concerns at the Fulton County Jail; and

24 **WHEREAS,** Fulton County and the Fulton County Sheriff desire to take advantage  
25 of the unique opportunity offered by the City of Atlanta to enhance public safety by  
26 partnering with the City to provide additional programs and services to promote public

1 safety, community health, immigration justice, criminal justice reform and to provide  
2 additional housing for detainees and inmates currently incarcerated at the Fulton County  
3 Jail.

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of  
5 Commissioners, with the consensus of the Fulton County Sheriff, authorizes the creation  
6 of a work group consisting of two members of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners,  
7 the Fulton County Manager, the Fulton County Sheriff or his designee, and the Fulton  
8 County Attorney to negotiate with representatives of the City of Atlanta regarding the  
9 promotion of justice reforms and the resolution of the County's inmate and detainee  
10 population concerns; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this work group shall seek to negotiate a lease with  
12 the City of Atlanta to allow the Fulton County Sheriff to temporarily house up to five  
13 hundred detainees in the custody of the Fulton County Sheriff at the Atlanta City Detention  
14 Center under terms agreeable to the County, the City, and the Fulton County Sheriff; and

15 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that any agreement proposed by the work group be  
16 subject to final approval as to form by this Commission and the Fulton County Sheriff prior  
17 to execution.

18 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,  
19 Georgia, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2021.

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21 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**  
22 **COMMISSIONERS**  
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**SPONSORED BY:**

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Marvin Arrington Jr.,  
Commissioner, District 5

**ATTEST:**

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Tonya R. Grier  
Clerk to the Commission

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Kaye Woodard Burwell  
Interim County Attorney