

1 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SET PAYMENT OF \$250 PER DAY FOR
2 MEMBERS OF FULTON COUNTY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES, AND
3 COMMISSIONS, WHERE COMMISSIONERS MAKE APPOINTMENTS;
4 ESTALBISHING EXCEPTIONS FOR THOSE ENTITIES WHERE PAYMENTS ARE
5 ESTABLISHED BY STATE STATUTE, LAW, OR REGULATION; AND FOR OTHER
6 PURPOSES
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8 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners has authority, pursuant to
9 the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Article 9, Sec. 2 ¶ 1(a), to adopt reasonable
10 ordinances, resolutions, or regulations relating to its affairs for which no provision has
11 been made by general law and which is not inconsistent with this Constitution or any local
12 law applicable thereto; and

13 WHEREAS, the members of the boards, committees, authorities, and
14 commissions who serve Fulton County fulfill important roles in carrying out vital functions
15 for the citizens of Fulton County, and perform these services as a civic duty in order to
16 benefit their fellow citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, attending the meetings of these bodies requires members to expend
18 personal financial resources in serving the public, which would create a hardship for some
19 who cannot participate in these organizations because they do not have the financial
20 resources to do so; and

21 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is
22 desirable to pay a per diem of \$250 to members of these bodies for each day they perform
23 such civic duties in order to defray some of the costs that may otherwise prevent them
24 from serving due to budget constraints or other obstacles; and

25 WHEREAS, this per diem is not intended to reimburse members of these bodies
26 for all financial costs incurred in carrying out these civic functions; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the public welfare
28 will best be served by placing all appointees on equal footing by paying this set per diem
29 of \$250 for members of all such bodies, except as otherwise provided by law; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has found no record of any action by
31 the governing authority setting any per diem that applies to all such bodies of Fulton
32 County heretofore.

33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
34 Commissioners hereby supports the payment of \$250 per diem for all meetings attended
35 by a member per day, via payment from the County's Finance Department or from those
36 entities that have their own funding source, with no duplication of any such payment.

37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department shall create a funding
38 line to support the payment of such per diem payments where the organization does not
39 otherwise have its own funding source.

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that nothing in this Resolution is intended to replace
41 or deny the per diem payments made to those organizations that are established by state
42 statute, law, or regulation.

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the members serving on Fulton County taskforces
44 are not included in those members that qualify for the per diem allotment herein.

45 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its
46 adoption, and shall continue until further notice, and that all resolutions and parts of
47 resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Sponsored by:

Marvin Arrington
Commissioner, District 5

ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kaye Woodard Burwell, Interim County Attorney

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