

1 **A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND EMERGENCY PURCHASING AUTHORITY OF THE**
2 **CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY MANAGER FOR COVID-19 RELATED PURCHASES;**
3 **AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
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5 **WHEREAS**, beginning in March 2020, Fulton County, Georgia has been impacted
6 by the threat and spread of a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19); and

7 **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, to control the spread of the virus, President
8 Donald Trump issued a “Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning
9 the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak”; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, by Executive
11 Order 03.14.20.01, declared a public health emergency in the State of Georgia by
12 Executive Order, including the area encompassing Fulton County to assist health and
13 emergency management officials across Georgia by deploying all available resources for
14 mitigation and treatment of COVID-19; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp’s Executive Order 03.14.20.01, which
16 was extended every thirty (30) days by the governor, expired on July 1, 2021; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2021, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, by Executive Order
18 6.30.21.01, declared that the State of Georgia is experiencing an ongoing public
19 emergency due to the impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, supply chain, and
20 healthcare infrastructure, and declared a state of emergency for continued COVID-19
21 recovery in the State of Georgia, which includes the area encompassing Fulton County;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, the public health emergency caused by the spread, and potential
24 spread, of COVID-19 has negatively impacted Fulton County’s public health, supply
25 chain, and healthcare infrastructure; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Board of Commissioners (“BOC”) passed
2 Resolution No. 20-0237 declaring authorization for the Chairman and the County
3 Manager to execute any documents, including but not limited to contracts, memoranda
4 of understanding or declarations necessary to ensure the maintenance of critical
5 governmental functions during the pandemic; and

6 **WHEREAS**, this authority granted to the Chairman and County Manager, as
7 extended, expires on October 4, 2021; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the BOC wishes to continue the authorization granted to the County
9 Manager and Chairman to make COVID-19 related emergency purchases from any
10 funding the County has received, to include from Federal Emergency Management
11 Agency (FEMA) through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
12 Assistance Act (Stafford Act) (42 U.S.C §§ 5121-5207), Consolidated Appropriations Act
13 (H.R. 133, 116th Cong. (2020)), Emergency Rental Assistance Program (15 U.S.C. §
14 9058c), Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (C.A.R.E.S Act) (Pub. Law
15 116-136, March 27, 2020, 15 U.S.C. § 9001 et seq.), and American Rescue Plan Act (
16 H.R. 1319, 117th Cong. (2021)) using the same process that was put into place to handle
17 C.A.R.E.S. Act funded projects consistent with Fulton County Code of Ordinances § 102-
18 385.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby
20 extends the time period of COVID-19 related emergency purchasing authority to the
21 County Manager and Chairman until November 3, 2021.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman or the County Manager are
23 hereby authorized to execute any documents, including but not limited to contracts,

1 memoranda of understanding or declarations necessary to ensure the maintenance of
2 critical governmental functions.

3 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective upon
4 adoption and shall continue until further notice.

5 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, this
6 ____ day of _____, 2021.

7 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
8 **COMMISSIONERS**

9 **SPONSORED BY:**

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14 Chairman Robert L. Pitts
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16 **ATTEST:**

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22 Tonya R. Grier
23 Clerk to the Commission
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25 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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