

1 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR**
2 **THE OFFICE OF THE FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL**

3 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County is committed to the public safety of all citizens;

4 **WHEREAS**, felonious crime in Fulton County has increased significantly, causing
5 Fulton County residents to feel less safe;

6 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office (the "DA's Office") is
7 responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of criminal statutes within Fulton
8 County; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, an historic backlog of cases
10 maintained by the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney and the current high crime
11 rate, there is currently a significant backlog of criminal cases in the Superior Court of
12 Fulton County, Georgia; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in order to timely investigate and prosecute these backlogged criminal
14 cases and respond adequately to the increased crime rate and increased number of
15 cases received, the DA's Office must increase personnel immediately; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the DA's Office needs an additional fifty-five (55) employees to begin
17 working between November 2021 and December 2021;

18 **WHEREAS**, these additional fifty-five (55) employees, not including current
19 permanent, seasonal or temporary staff, are ten ADA IVs, ten ADA IIIs, fifteen Senior
20 Investigators, five Community Resource Specialists, an IT Specialist, seventeen Legal
21 Assistants and two Victim Witness Advocates that are immediately needed for the DA's
22 Office to respond to its increased criminal case load;

23 **WHEREAS**, thirty-seven (37) of the fifty-five (55) employees will likely be hired and
24 on-boarded on November 8, 2021, receiving four (4) pay-outs for CY 2021 and the
25 remaining eighteen (18) employees will likely be hired and on-boarded on December 8,
26 2021.

WHEREAS, the fifty-five (55) new employees who will be hired, in November 2021 and December 2021, will receive total compensation not to exceed \$780,621.84 in CY 2021;

WHEREAS, the additional fifty-five (55) employees will provide the DA's Office with the personnel resources to adequately respond to the increased crime rate and resulting increased case load;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes additional personnel funding for the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes the County Manager and Chief Financial Officer to add additional personnel funding, for CY 2021, in the amount of \$780,621.84 to be used by the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney for these personnel needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes additional personnel funding, for CY 2022, not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 to be used by the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney for these personnel needs.

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 by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
Georgia, this 15th day of September, 2021.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Rev. J. H. ...

Robert L. Pitts
Chairman

1 ATTEST:

2 Tonya R. Grier

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5 Clerk to the Commission
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10 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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