

1 **RESOLUTION URGING FULTON COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS TO**
2 **REINFORCE AND ENACT ADDITIONAL POLICIES REQUIRING ALL PERSONNEL**
3 **TO REPORT INCIDENTS OF POTENTIAL OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE**
4 **MISCONDUCT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, law enforcement brutality and misconduct are among the most
7 serious ongoing human rights and civil liberties violations in the United States and have
8 led to community destabilization, a decrease in public safety, and the exacerbation of
9 structural inequities across the country; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the United States, the State of Georgia, and communities within
12 Fulton County have been challenged by a long history of perceived law enforcement
13 misconduct which has included systemic targeting of and use of excessive force against
14 people of color, particularly Black people, and which stems from the long legacy of
15 slavery, lynching, Jim Crow laws, and the War on Drugs; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, law enforcement brutality and the use of excessive force have
18 robbed countless communities of precious lives, and have inflicted intergenerational
19 harm and trauma to families; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, law enforcement in the United States, through acts of brutality and
22 excessive force, kill far more people than law enforcement in other comparable nations
23 and have been historically shielded from accountability; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the killings of hundreds of people each year, and the
26 demonstrations that have followed have brought sustained national attention to the
27 racially biased law enforcement violence against people of color; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, the evolution of national law enforcement practices and
30 jurisprudence have allowed and failed to report incidences of law enforcement
31 misconduct, which violate both the letter and the spirit of the oath which each law
32 enforcement officer swears to uphold and which has led to the nationwide impression

1 that law enforcement officers sometimes act above or outside the law to the detriment
2 of the citizenry.

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4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of
5 Fulton County urges the Fulton County Sheriff and directs the Fulton County Police
6 Chief and the Fulton County Marshal to reaffirm their commitment to the community by
7 reinforcing or creating policies, practices and a culture which require and promote all
8 law enforcement officers and personnel to report each and every incident of potential
9 misconduct, including but not limited to the use of excessive force and the potential
10 violation of any law to their superior officers as soon as possible.

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12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County
13 recommends to the Fulton County Sheriff and mandates that the Fulton County Police
14 Chief and Fulton County Marshal thoroughly investigate each such report and that all
15 allegations which are corroborated shall result in appropriate punishment up to and
16 including termination of employment, recommended loss of law enforcement
17 certification, and appropriate reporting of potential criminal activity to the Fulton County
18 District Attorney.

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

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24 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
25 Georgia, this _____ day of June, 2020.

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27 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
28 **COMMISSIONERS**
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32 Marvin S. Arrington, Jr.
33 District 5, Vice-Chairman

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ATTEST:

Tonya Grier, Interim Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Patrise Perkins-Hooker, County Attorney