

1 **RESOLUTION CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A MULTIDISCIPLINARY**
2 **COALITION TO PREVENT COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION; AND FOR**
3 **OTHER PURPOSES**

4 **WHEREAS**, American children and youth are estimated to be at risk of child
5 sexual exploitation, including commercial sexual exploitation; and there are an
6 estimated 100,000 - 300,000 prostituted children in the United States; and

7 **WHEREAS**, since 2009, the State of Georgia has received over 1,250 referrals
8 for domestic minor sex trafficking victims, both male and female, coming from over 80
9 counties across Georgia; and

10 **WHEREAS**, around 65% of men in the State of Georgia who pay for sex with
11 young females do so in and around suburban and metro Atlanta with 9% near the
12 airport; and

13 **WHEREAS**, individuals arrested for purchasing sex illegally are 70% less likely to
14 engage in the behavior ever again compared to individuals whose illegal acts are
15 ignored; and

16 **WHEREAS**, human trafficking is often called “modern slavery” and preys upon
17 the poor and the most vulnerable members of a society; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes that
19 commercial sexual exploitation is a violation of international human rights and is
20 inherently harmful to the men, women, children, families, and communities involved;
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County declares that
23 commercial sexual exploitation is a public health crisis in Fulton County; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to establish a
25 multidisciplinary coalition supported by Fulton County and other sources to create a
26 collective impact towards the prevention of commercial sexual exploitation, intervention,
27 restoration, and reintegration of its survivors; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County has determined that it
29 is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens to require a
30 multidisciplinary approach by individuals, organizations, communities, and national
31 governments.

32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of
33 Fulton County hereby creates and establishes a multidisciplinary coalition to end
34 commercial sexual exploitation in Fulton County (the “Coalition”).

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the resolution aligns with the County's
2 strategic initiative, "All people are safe".

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the stakeholders in the Coalition will include,
4 but not be limited to, nonprofit organizations, law enforcement agencies, public health
5 organizations, hospitals, justice coordinating councils, academic institutions, and state
6 and local health departments.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager is hereby directed to
8 make available resources of the County such as Public Health and the Police
9 Department, etc. to facilitate a sustainable, comprehensive impact by the Coalition.

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11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Coalition shall, at least quarterly, provide
12 a report to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners regarding findings and
13 recommendations in support of its mission.

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

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19 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this ____ day of _____, 2015.

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21 **SPONSORED BY:**

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24 John H. Eaves, Chairman
25 District 7, At-Large

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28 Commissioner Bob Ellis
29 District 2

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32 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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35 Mark Massey, Clerk to the Commission Jerolyn Webb Ferrari, Interim County Attorney