

1           **A RESOLUTION CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON**  
2           **HIV/AIDS TO PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF HIV DISEASE; AND FOR**  
3           **OTHER PURPOSES.**  
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5           **WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”)  
6 reveals that more than 1.2 million people in the United States are living with HIV  
7 infection, and almost 1 in 7 (14%) are unaware of their infection; and

8           **WHEREAS**, CDC’s recent data showed that in 2012, an estimated 47,989  
9 people were diagnosed with HIV infection in the United States, and in that same  
10 year an estimated 27,928 people were diagnosed with AIDS; and

11           **WHEREAS**, CDC has approximated that 1,170,989 people in the United  
12 States have been diagnosed with AIDS; and

13           **WHEREAS**, Georgia is ranked in the top ten (10) states for the rate of new  
14 HIV/AIDS diagnoses, particularly in Metropolitan Atlanta; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County has  
16 determined that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare, to  
17 establish a Fulton County Task Force on AIDS in order to address and minimize  
18 the transmission of HIV disease and to prevent the further spreading of AIDS  
19 within Fulton County; and

20           **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County has  
21 determined that a Task Force on HIV/AIDS would be instrumental in providing  
22 input and recommendations in areas of public education, advocacy, treatment,  
23 prevention, housing and related issues pertaining to HIV/AIDS within Fulton  
24 County.

1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of  
2 Commissioners of Fulton County hereby fully recognizes and comprehends the  
3 significant public health threat posed by the spread of HIV/AIDS and re-affirms  
4 that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare, to create a  
5 Task Force on HIV/AIDS to explore and promote health care strategies and  
6 treatment modalities designed to reduce the transmission of the HIV virus and to  
7 educate the public about the disease; and

8           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Task Force on  
9 HIV/AIDS shall have the following members: Each Commissioner shall appoint  
10 two (2) members. Such appointees shall be residents of Fulton County, and  
11 shall have backgrounds in medicine or public health or be otherwise qualified to  
12 serve as Board members. Initial member appointees from Commission Districts  
13 1 and 6 shall serve terms of 3 years, initial appointees from Districts 2 and 3 shall  
14 serve terms of 2 years, and initial appointees from the remaining districts shall  
15 serve 1 year terms. Appointees for subsequent terms shall serve 2 year terms;  
16 and

17           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Dr. Patrice Harris, Director of Health  
18 and Wellness, and Jeff Cheek, Interim Ryan White Director shall be members of  
19 the Fulton County Task Force on HIV/AIDS; and

20           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager is hereby  
21 directed to provide such support staff as is needed for the Fulton County Task  
22 Force on HIV/AIDS; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force on HIV/AIDS shall, at  
2 least quarterly, provide a report to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners  
3 regarding findings and recommendations in support of its mission; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective  
5 upon its adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with  
6 this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

7 SO PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 17th day of December, 2014.

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15 John H. Eaves, Chairman  
16 District 1, At-Large  
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20 By: [Signature]  
21 Joan P. Garner, Commissioner  
22 District 6  
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28 ATTEST:  
29 [Signature]  
30 Mark Massey, Clerk to the Commission  
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32 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
33 [Signature]  
R. David Ware, County Attorney

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