

1 **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY**
2 **PROHIBITING CONTRACTORS FROM PAYING**
3 **FOR THE TRAVEL OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS,**
4 **AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, INCLUDING COMMISSIONERS**

5 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Code of Ethics (Fulton County Code Section 2-
6 66) states that it is essential to the proper government and administration of Fulton
7 County that members of the Board of Commissioners, as well as all other officers and
8 employees of the County, are in fact and in appearance, independent and impartial in
9 the performance of their official duties; that public service not be based on private gain;
10 and that there be public confidence in the integrity of the County; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, Section 2-69 of the Fulton County Code of Ethics places restrictions
13 on gifts and favors by prohibiting a County official or employee from either directly or
14 indirectly soliciting, requesting, exacting, receiving, or agreeing to receive a gift, loan,
15 favor, promise, or thing of value, in any form whatsoever (except those expressly
16 permitted by the Ethics Code), for himself or herself or another person, from any
17 prohibited source (as defined therein), including any person or business which the
18 official or employee knows or should know is doing business with the County or is
19 attempting to do business with the County, or the agent or representative of such a
20 person or business; and

21 **WHEREAS**, all public servants have the responsibility to exhibit the highest
22 ethical standards and behavior to uphold and restore the public trust in its government;
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24 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds that it is necessary to eliminate
25 any perception of impropriety that Fulton County officials and employees are not
26 adhering to the highest ethical standards and behavior, by prohibiting Contractors from

1 paying the travel expenses for any Fulton County employee, officer, or elected official,
2 including members of the Board of Commissioners;

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners
4 hereby adopts as a policy that no County Contractor may pay travel expenses for any
5 County employee, officer, elected official (including a County Commissioner), unless
6 such expenses are specifically authorized by a written County contract or solicitation.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for purposes of this Resolution, a “County
8 Contractor” shall mean any person, business or entity, however formulated, that: (1) is
9 seeking official action from Fulton County; (2) is seeking to do or is doing business with
10 Fulton County; (3) represents a person who is seeking official action from Fulton
11 County; or (4) has an interest that may be affected by the performance or non-
12 performance of official duties by the employee, officer, elected official or Commissioner.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective when
14 passed and adopted, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this
15 Resolution are hereby repealed.

16 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
17 Georgia this _____ day of March, 2012.

18 **SPONSORED BY:**

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Emma I. Darnell, Vice-Chair
District 5

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Mark Massey, Clerk to the Commission R. David Ware, County Attorney

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