

1 **STATE OF GEORGIA**
2 **COUNTY OF FULTON**
3 **CITY OF SOUTH FULTON**

RES- 2021-015

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5 **A RESOLUTION CALLING TO STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE**
6 **PROMPT CREATION AND STRENGTHENING OF LAWS, POLICIES AND**
7 **REGULATIONS PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM DOMESTIC TERRORISM AND**
8 **FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES**
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10 **(Sponsored by Councilman Baker)**
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12 **WHEREAS**, the City of South Fulton ("City") is a municipal corporation duly
13 organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; strengthen
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15 **WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of the City, is the Mayor and
16 Council thereof ("City Council");

17 **WHEREAS**, on or about January 6, 2021 a mob of people stormed a session of
18 the U.S. Congress ("Capitol Riot") leaving five people dead, over one hundred and forty
19 people wounded and causing millions of dollars in damage to the U.S. Capitol;

20 **WHEREAS**, on or about March 2, 2021, FBI Director Christopher Wray testified
21 before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee labeling the Capitol Riot as "*domestic*
22 *terrorism*" and warning lawmakers of the rapidly growing threat of violent domestic
23 extremism;

24 **WHEREAS**, the FBI defines domestic terrorism as "violent, criminal acts
25 committed by individuals and/or groups to further ideological goals stemming from
26 domestic influences, such as those of a political, religious, social, racial, or environmental
27 nature."

28 **WHEREAS**, on or about March 2, 2021, the FBI Director further warned lawmakers
29 that "*Jan. 6 was not an isolated event. The problem of domestic terrorism has been*
30 *metastasizing across the country for a long time now and it's not going away anytime*
31 *soon.*"

32 **WHEREAS**, the March 2, 2021 warning of FBI Director Christopher Wray is
33 supported by numerous additional occurrences of domestic terrorism within the past three
34 years, which include:

- 35 • On or about March 16, 2021, a gunman opened fire on three Atlanta-area business
36 establishments, killing eight people, including six women of Asian descent;
- 37 • On or about August 3, 2019, a gunman in El Paso, Texas, published anti-Hispanic
38 and anti-Muslim writings before killing twenty-two people at a grocery store; and

- On or about July 28, 2019, a gunman in Gilroy, California compiled a "target list" that included religious groups, federal buildings and political parties before killing three people and wounding seventeen at a festival;
- On or about April 27, 2019, a gunman opened fire in a California synagogue shortly after publishing an anti-semitic manifesto, killing one person and wounding three others; and
- On or about October 27, 2018, a gunman opened fire in Pennsylvania synagogue after publishing an anti-semitic manifesto, killing eleven people and wounding six others;

WHEREAS, according to the Anti-Defamation League, racist, anti-semitic and anti-LGBTQ messages nearly doubled the final year of Donald Trump's presidency to an all-time record high;

WHEREAS, the FBI Director's March 2, 2021 advisement that the FBI has "been sounding the alarm on [domestic terrorism] for a number of years now" appears to have fallen on deaf ears, in that there is no federal domestic terrorism charge, no uniform federal definition for domestic terrorism, nor is there a no federal list of domestic terrorist organizations, such as there is for foreign groups;

WHEREAS, this Resolution is presented as a plea to the Georgia General Assembly, U.S. Congress and Biden Administration to promptly create and enact policies, laws and regulations addressing domestic terrorism for the protection of all Georgians and Americans; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is in the best interests of the health, protection and general welfare of the City, U.S. and world.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby respectfully requests that the Georgia General Assembly, U.S. Congress and Biden Administration promptly create, enact and strengthen, policies, laws and regulations addressing domestic terrorism for the protection of all Georgians and Americans.

Section 2. Instruction to City Clerk. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to cause for this Resolution to be emailed to all members of the Georgia General Assembly, U.S. Congress and Chief of Staff for President Biden, within ten days of the Resolution's adoption.

77 **Section 3.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that: (a) All
78 sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are or were,
79 upon their enactment, believed by the City Council to be fully valid, enforceable and
80 constitutional.

81 (b) To the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence,
82 clause or phrase of this Resolution is severable from every other section, paragraph,
83 sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution. No section, paragraph, sentence, clause
84 or phrase of this Resolution is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph,
85 sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution.

86 (c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Resolution
87 shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise
88 unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is
89 the express intent of the City Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or
90 unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid,
91 unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses,
92 sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Resolution.

93 **Section 4.** The city attorney and city clerk are authorized to make non-substantive
94 editing and renumbering revisions to this Resolution for proofing, codification, and
95 supplementation purposes. The final version of all resolutions shall be filed with the city
96 clerk.

97 **Section 5.** The effective date of this Resolution shall be the date of adoption, unless
98 provided otherwise by the City Charter or state and/or federal law.
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The foregoing RESOLUTION No. 2021-015, adopted on April 27, 2021 was offered by Councilmember Baker, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rowell, and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

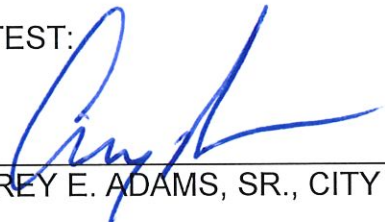
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William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Carmalitha Gumbs	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Catherine Foster Rowell	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Helen Zenobia Willis, Mayor Pro Tem	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gertrude Naeema Gilyard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Corey Reeves	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
khalid kamau	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mark Baker	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 27th day of April 2021.

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA


WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

 4/28/21
COREY E. ADAMS, SR., CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


VINCENT D. HYMAN, CITY ATTORNEY

