

1 **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POLICY OF THE BOARD OF**
2 **COMMISSIONERS REGARDING A FULTON COUNTY HEALTH INITIATIVE (TO**
3 **REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES)**
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners supports community efforts
6 aimed at reducing and eliminating health disparities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, “Health disparities” refers to differences in the quality of healthcare and
8 health outcomes depending on someone’s race, ethnicity, age, disability status, socio-economic
9 status and/or geographic location; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Community Health and the Minority Health
11 Council has issued a “Health Disparities Report” entitled “A County-Level Look at Health
12 Outcomes for Minorities in Georgia”; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Report identified pockets of inequality in health care and outcomes
14 throughout the State of Georgia and in Fulton County; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners has received the “Fulton
16 County Minority Health Report Card” setting out the primary areas of health disparity in Fulton
17 County which include premature deaths, emergency room visits and birth outcomes; and

18 **WHEREAS**, traditional public health approaches have achieved extraordinary results in
19 the reduction of deaths due to infectious disease, yet in response to the current crisis, many of
20 our nation’s counties have adopted additional strategies which take into account the social and
21 economic factors called “determinants” which affect the health status of the target populations by
22 the implementation of the following strategies: Policy Development, Delivery of County
23 Services and Community Partnerships;

1 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
2 Commissioners supports the development of a Fulton County Health Initiative to reduce health
3 disparities in Fulton County.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager is hereby directed to develop
5 a Work Plan and Program designed to achieve the following objectives: (1) assist the community
6 in understanding the cause of health disparities; (2) determine the most effective, inter-
7 departmental strategies for reducing health disparities; and (3) develop effective partnerships
8 with stakeholders from the health sector and non-health sector to include business organizations,
9 faith communities and educators.

10 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this _____ day of January, 2009.

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