

1     **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO STUDY AND**  
2     **MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PREFERENCES FOR**  
3     **EMPLOYMENT OF FULTON COUNTY RESIDENTS IN THE CONTEXT**  
4     **OF PROCUREMENT OF GOODS ~~AND SERVICES~~**  
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6           **WHEREAS**, Fulton County, the State of Georgia, and the entire country have  
7 recently been experiencing the most significant economic crisis since the Great  
8 Depression; and

9           **WHEREAS**, one major component of this economic crisis has been a steady  
10 increase in the unemployment rate; and

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rate:*

11           **WHEREAS**, the dramatic rise in unemployment has been especially severe in  
12 Fulton County, where the unemployment rate has consistently equaled or exceeded the  
13 unemployment rate for metropolitan Atlanta, the State of Georgia, and the United States  
14 as a whole; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the most recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  
16 indicate that the Fulton County unemployment rate for June 2009 was approximately  
17 11% -- more than double the unemployment rate that existed as recently as April 2008;  
18 and

19           **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds that all levels of government,  
20 including Fulton County government, must find innovative and effective ways to increase  
21 employment opportunities for citizens; and

22           **WHEREAS**, each year, Fulton County expends many millions of dollars  
23 procuring goods and services that are essential to the efficient and effective provision of  
24 services to the citizens of Fulton County; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has previously enacted measures  
(Fulton County Code § 102-358) establishing a preference for purchasing goods and  
services from entities with business locations within Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to receive information  
regarding the feasibility and desirability of enacting measures that would establish a  
preference for purchasing goods and services from entities that employ residents of  
Fulton County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners  
hereby directs the County Manager to study and make recommendations on the feasibility  
and desirability of establishing a preference for purchasing goods and services from  
entities that employ residents of Fulton County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager shall present his  
findings and recommendations within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this  
Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective  
upon adoption, and all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict with this  
Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2009.

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**SPONSORED BY:**

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Emma I. Darnell, Commissioner  
District 5

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**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Mark Massey, Clerk to the Commission

R. David Ware, County Attorney

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