

**RESOLUTION TO DECRIMINALIZE ABORTION AND PROTECT WOMEN'S
MEDICAL PRIVACY**

(Sponsored by Mayor khalid)

WHEREAS, the City of South Fulton ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City is the Mayor and Council thereof ("City Council"); and

WHEREAS, Section 4.15 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to put rules and regulations in place concerning the pay for persons employed by the City; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Institute of Reproductive Health, one in four women in the United State will have an abortion by the time they are 45 year old; and

WHEREAS, eliminating legal access to abortion has been empirically proven to dramatically increase the risk of death, bodily injury and infertility, especially within low-income communities and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, low-income women are more than five times as likely than affluent women to experience an unintended pregnancy, which has significant implications for social mobility given that unplanned childbearing is associated with higher rates of poverty, less family stability, and worse outcomes for children according to the Brookings Center on Children & Families; and

WHEREAS, several states, including the State of Georgia — which leads the nation in maternal & infant mortality — have refused to expand access to Medicare and other Progressive policies that support a culture of life by giving babies and the parents educational, medical or financial support needed to escape cycles of generational poverty; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Fulton recognizes every individual's right to privacy, including the protection of doctors and all others involved with medical treatment and decisions made within the healthcare provider-patient relationship, so long as those decisions occur without coercion, force or negligence; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Fulton has a duty to protect its residents from any violation of their human rights and any criminalization of the free exercise thereof and this Resolution is in the best interest of the welfare of the City, its businesses, visitors and residents.

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

Section 1. The City Council stands with those who condemn any actions intended to abrogate the fundamental liberties of women to the sovereignty of their own bodies and affirms its commitment to protecting all citizens right to make health decisions for themselves.

Section 2. It shall be the policy of the City, except to the extent otherwise required by federal law, no City funds shall be used to:

1. Store or catalog any report of abortion, miscarriage, or other conduct that could be prosecuted under state laws criminalizing reproductive care
2. Provide information to any other governmental body or agency about any abortion, miscarriage or other conduct that could be prosecuted under state laws criminalizing reproductive healthcare, unless such information is provided to defend the patient's right to abortion care or the healthcare provider's right to provide that care
3. Conduct surveillance or collect data or other information related to any individual, organization, location, vehicle, action, financial record, internet or virtual activity for the purpose of determining whether an abortion is attempted or has occurred, except for the collection of anonymous, aggregated data without personally identifying information or personal health information for purposes unrelated to criminal investigation, enforcement or prosecution.

Section 3. The investigation or support for the prosecution of any allegation, charge, or information relating to the outcome of a given pregnancy, including abortion and abortion-related care, or any party thereto will be the lowest priority for enforcement and the use or assignment of resources and personal — except in cases where coercion or forced is used against a pregnant person, or conduct criminally negligent to the health of the pregnant person seeking abortion care, or in cases where the abortion, miscarriage or reproductive healthcare is no the crime being investigated but as evidence of another crime, such as sexual assault

Section 4. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that: (a) All sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were, upon their enactment, believed by the City Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) To the greatest extent allowed by law, every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. No section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

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

Section 5. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 6. The City Attorney, City Clerk and contracted City Codifier are authorized to make non-substantive formatting and renumbering edits to this ordinance for proofing, codification, and supplementation purposes. The final version of all ordinances shall be filed with the clerk.

Section 7. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption unless provided otherwise by the City Charter or state and federal law.

[signatures and voting tabulations appear on the following page]