

1 **A RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
2 **REQUIRING THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS**
3 **(AEDs) IN ALL NEW OCCUPANCIES IN UNINCORPORATED FULTON COUNTY**
4 **WITH AN OCCUPANCY LOAD OF 300 OR MORE PERSONS WITH A**
5 **RECOMMENDATION THAT MUNICIPALITIES DO THE SAME.**
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the benefits of early
8 defibrillation in the survival of persons who have experienced cardiac arrest, and

9 **WHEREAS**, the research shows that that for every minute that defibrillation is delayed,
10 the chance for survival decreases by approximately 10%, and

11 **WHEREAS**, data collected on the use of AEDs is important in the design and
12 implementation of systems to increase the survival of persons experiencing cardiac arrest, and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Cardiac Arrest Survival Act of 2000 provides additional Good
14 Samaritan protection against liability for properly trained lay rescuers and acquirers of AEDs,
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16 **WHEREAS**, the installation of AEDs in public occupancies with occupant loads of over
17 300 or more people, accessible within three minutes travel distance is in accordance with
18 American Heart Association recommendations, and

19 **WHEREAS**, the installation of AEDs is a life safety issue with emergency response and
20 public health implications, and

21 **WHEREAS**, the installation of AEDs are a life safety instrument and the maintenance of
22 the device shall be the responsibility of the owner after the Certificate of Occupancy is issued,
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24 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Fire Department conducts regular inspections of public
25 buildings, for the purpose of ascertaining the availability of the owner one year after the date of
26 installation, and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Emergency Services Department utilizes information on
2 the location of AEDs as a tool in the determination of County emergency response resources, and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness utilizes information
4 from a variety of sources to assess the overall status of public health and emergency medical
5 response effectiveness; and


6 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners directs
7 the Fulton County Fire Department to establish the necessary guidelines and fire code
8 requirements for the use and placement of AEDs in public buildings having an occupancy load
9 of 300 or more within unincorporated Fulton County, and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners directs the Fulton
11 County Emergency Services Department to serve as the official registrar of AEDs installed in
12 public buildings, and in accordance with O.C.C.A. §31-11-53.2 and,

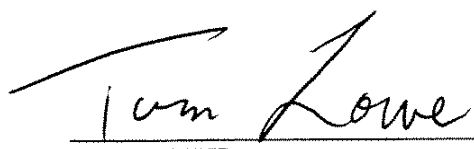
13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners directs the Fulton
14 County Department of Health and Wellness to provide medical oversight for all medical aspects
15 of Fulton County AED installation requirements.

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17 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7th day of July, 2004.

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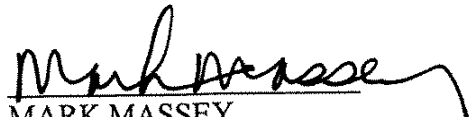
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25 CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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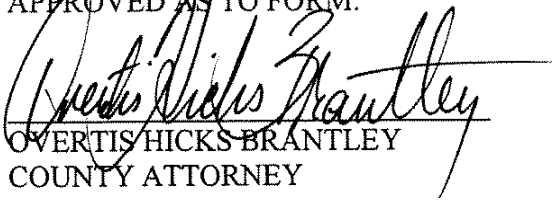
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