

## **RESOLUTION R-044-24**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WALKER COUNTY TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE ACCG - INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAL, ACCIDENT, AND DISABILITY FUND: FIRST RESPONDER PTSD PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Article 9, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of Georgia authorizes counties and other political subdivisions to contract with each other for activities which the contracting parties are authorized by law to undertake; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated authorizes counties to execute intergovernmental contracts to form, and become members of, an interlocal risk management agency for the purpose of sharing the risks of accident, disability, supplemental medical, general liability, motor vehicle liability, property damage, or any combination of such risks with those of other counties; and

**WHEREAS**, counties within Georgia have found it increasingly difficult to obtain commercial insurance protection, and have found the costs of such protection often exceed the ability of a county to pay; and

**WHEREAS**, counties in Georgia need a stable method for managing their risks to avoid the unpredictable and cyclical nature of the commercial insurance market; and

**WHEREAS**, many Georgia counties do not have sufficient resources to self-insure their risks on an individual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), Georgia counties have created an intergovernmental risk management agency so that the Georgia counties may insure and/or self-insure their risks; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Walker is an existing member of the ACCG – Interlocal Risk Management Agency (ACCG-IRMA), an interlocal risk management agency formed pursuant to Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and previously has entered into an intergovernmental contract for the purpose of joining ACCG-IRMA and participating in the ACCGIRMA Property and Liability Fund and/or the first Supplemental Medical, Accident and Disability Fund known as the Firefighters' Cancer Benefit Program (the "Fund(s)"); and

**WHEREAS**, ACCG-IRMA has also established a second Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund known as the First Responder PTSD Program for the purpose of protecting against certain other liabilities imposed upon Georgia counties by state law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia, and finds that it is in the best interest of its citizens to participate in this second ACCG-IRMA Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund (the First Responder PTSD Program);

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board:

#### **SECTION 1**

The Board hereby authorizes the County to become a participant in the ACCG-IRMA Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund known as the First Responder PTSD Program for the purpose of providing coverage for those risks imposed upon the County by

state law and for which the Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund has been established. The County's continuing participation in the ACCG-IRMA Fund(s) in which the County is currently enrolled is hereby confirmed.

## SECTION 2

The Chair/CEO of Walker County is authorized to execute on behalf of the County any and all documents necessary and proper to become a participant in the ACCG-IRMA Supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund known as the First Responder PTSD Program.

## SECTION 3

The powers of ACCG-IRMA, unless the intergovernmental contract and ACCGIRMA bylaws are amended, shall be limited to those authorized by Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the related Rules and Regulations of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Georgia.

## SECTION 4

The continuing operations of ACCG-IRMA and the obligation of the County to fully participate in such operations shall be effectuated in accordance with the intergovernmental contract and ACCG-IRMA bylaws.

## SECTION 5

The Insurance Clerk is designated as the County's representative to ACCG-IRMA. The County may change its representative by informing ACCG-IRMA of the change in writing.

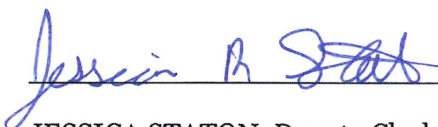
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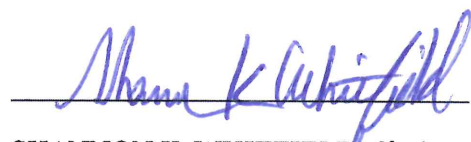
This Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

  
JESSICA STATON, Deputy Clerk

  
SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for approval from Commissioner Askew, second by Commissioner Blakemore, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to approve the Resolution.