

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-129

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY, THROUGH THE CLAYTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT, TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM GEORGIA CASA AND ENTER INTO AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR SERVICES FOR FY 2023-2024; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND OTHERWISE PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO REFLECT AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE AND EXPENSE AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Clayton County, through the Clayton County Juvenile Court (“the Court”), seeks authorization from the Clayton County Board of Commissioners to accept a grant award from Georgia CASA (“Georgia CASA Grant”) for 2023-2024 and enter into an Affiliation Agreement and Contract for Services (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Georgia CASA Grant is a recurring grant that includes funding in the amount of \$56,037.72, paid in quarterly installments of \$14,009.43, with no local county matching funds requirement; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia CASA Grant will be applied toward the salary and fringe benefits of Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteer Supervisors who will ensure that the program will assist and support court-sanctioned, community-based programs that provide trained and supervised volunteers to advocate for the best interest of

abused and neglected children involved in dependency proceedings who are currently in foster care through the Clayton County Department of Children and Families; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Juvenile Court CASA program is dependent upon screened and trained volunteers to provide advocacy services for such children ages 0-18, who come before the Court as victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia CASA Grant helps assure services for legal advocacy, family, and assessments, and follow-up appointments to monitor the child(ren)'s needs are offered, by and through providing funding for CASA staffing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it in the best interest of the County, and that the County will best be served by accepting the Grant Award and entering into the Agreement for the above stated purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Clayton County, through the Clayton County Juvenile Court, to apply for and accept grant funds from the 2022-2023 Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocate ("CASA") grant in the amount of up to \$56,037.72, paid in monthly installments of \$14,009.43, with no local County matching funds requirement, to be used for program expenses in connection with the Clayton County Juvenile Court CASA Program. The Board further authorizes Clayton County, through the Clayton County Juvenile Court, to enter into an Affiliation Agreement and Contract for Services with the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for receipt of funding. A copy of the Georgia Court CASA Affiliation Agreement and Contract for Services is attached hereto.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute the Agreement and to perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes the Chief Financial

Officer to amend the budget to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense as may be required under the terms of the Agreement.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this the 20th day of June, 2023.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



JEFFREY E. TURNER, CHAIRMAN



FELICIA FRANKLIN, VICE-CHAIR



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ATTEST:



COURTNEY RUSHIN, CLERK