

FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Statement Regarding the Fulton County Board of Commissioners' Approval to Abolish the Inmate Welfare Fund

Atlanta, GA – We are disappointed with the Fulton County Board of Commissioners' decision to abolish the Inmate Welfare Fund managed by the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat has demonstrated his leadership in this matter by holding employees accountable and he has been transparent with the remediation efforts that have been taken up to this point and that are ongoing.

"We thought we were working collaboratively with the BOC to come up with a compromise, however, we will continue to move forward in the best interest of the inmates in our care and our community," says Sheriff Labat.

**ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**: The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.