



WHEREAS, Gaston County includes a growing number of older Americans who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our community; and,

WHEREAS, Communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County recognizes its need to create a community that provides services and support older Americans need to thrive and live independently for as long as possible; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County can work to build an even better community for its older residents by:

- Planning programs that encourage independence
- Ensuring activities are responsive to individual needs and preferences
- Increasing access to services that support aging in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as

OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH

in Gaston County and urge every resident to recognize the contributions of our older citizens, help to create an inclusive society, and join efforts to support older Americans' choices about how they age in their communities.

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