



WHEREAS, Mr. Quentin A. Cash began his career as a volunteer firefighter in 1999 at the Cherryville Fire Department, where he continues to serve, in addition to his full time position as the Battalion Chief at the Shelby Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, in August, 2016, Quentin was honored as the recipient of the North Carolina State Fireman Association's "Firefighter of the Year" Award at the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual North Carolina Firefighters' Association Conference held in Charlotte, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Quentin was nominated among 47,829 of his fellow Association members for his "positive attitude and strong work ethic". His selection as the 2016 recipient makes him only one of five firefighters from Gaston County to have received the prestigious award; moreover, he is the third member of his family to receive the honor – his father, Chief Jeff Cash, received the award in 1990, and his Uncle, Captain Chris Cash, was honored in 2005; and,

WHEREAS, he was also recently awarded his Fire Officer Designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence Accreditation Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Quentin is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Cherryville, a volunteer for the Cherryville Fire Relay for Life and Shelby Firefighters for Life, and an umpire coordinator and former coach for Cherryville Little League Baseball.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners congratulates and commends

## *Fireman Quentin A. Cash*

upon being named the 2016 "Firefighter of the Year" by the North Carolina State Firefighters' Association and expresses sincere gratitude for his dedication and service to Gaston County citizens.

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