



**RESOLUTION TITLE:                   LEGISLATIVE REQUEST: TO REQUEST LEGISLATION FOR A REFERENDUM TO AUTHORIZE AN OPTIONAL ONE CENT SALES TAX TO BE DEDICATED TO IMPROVING GASTON COUNTY’S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

**WHEREAS,**           transportation infrastructure is a critical component of any local economic development program; and,

**WHEREAS,**           a local revenue source dedicated to transportation infrastructure would improve economic development within Gaston County; and,

**WHEREAS,**           the Gaston County Board of Commissioners has studied the **“Pennies For Progress”** program in York County, South Carolina and finds that it is a successful method for raising revenues to support transportation which has been strongly supported by the voters of York County; and,

**WHEREAS,**           the Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the County to give citizens the opportunity to vote for a local option sales tax to fund transportation infrastructure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that:**

1. The Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Gaston County Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly introduce and support legislation to allow Gaston County citizens the opportunity to authorize a **“Pennies for Progress”** sales tax to support transportation infrastructure.
2. This Resolution shall be forwarded to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Legislative request will be extended annually on the legislative agenda until a local bill is approved or the Board of Commissioners votes to remove the request.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows: