



WHEREAS, the United States celebrates the Week of June 15 - 21, 2026, as Waste and Recycling Workers Week; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, the eradication of many diseases in the Western World is due in large part to higher public sanitation standards resulting from effective waste disposal; and,

WHEREAS, no collection of people, be it City, County, State or Country could efficiently run without sanitation workers; and,

WHEREAS, performing their jobs daily with excellence, in all-weather conditions, keeps our local communities and the world at large safe and clean. Many people may not realize the enormous environmental impacts of recycling programs or how their local sanitation workers are positively impacting the world's environment; and,

WHEREAS, the men and women employed by the Gaston County Solid Waste and Recycling Division make significant contributions to the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County values and celebrates all of those employed in the sanitation industry that serve residents and local businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the week of June 15 - 21, 2026, in Gaston County as

Waste and Recycling Workers Week

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