



**RESOLUTION TITLE: GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MARSY'S LAW, HB 551/SB 595**

- WHEREAS, Marsy's Law For North Carolina and advocacy organizations statewide are dedicated to guaranteeing victims' rights and providing a voice; and,
- WHEREAS, Marsy's Law For North Carolina supporters agree victims should always be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process, protected from the defendant, reasonably heard at public proceedings regarding their case, and given a voice through the process of the case; and,
- WHEREAS, per the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) most recent "Crime in the United States" report, in 2013 a total of 33,700 North Carolinians were the victim of Violent "Index Crimes" including: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson; and,
- WHEREAS, Marsy's Law for North Carolina will ensure that victim's receive the same rights that are afforded to criminals and have rights to notification of release, hearings, appropriate restitution, and the right to speak at criminal proceedings; and,
- WHEREAS, Victims' Rights is a non-partisan, non-political issue, and Marsy's Law is a common sense approach to ensuring Victims' Rights.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim support of HB 551/SB 595, Marsy's Law, in and for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, and encourage all of our citizens to join in the commitment to protect the rights of North Carolina crime victims.

Adopted this the 27th day of March, 2018.

Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

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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:
