



WHEREAS, the Governor's Volunteer Service Award honors the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals, groups and businesses that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service; and,

WHEREAS, any person, group, or entity from the public – non-profit and private sector – may be nominated for an award through a county award coordinator. County award coordinators submit their top 10 volunteer nominations per county; and,

WHEREAS, there are eligibility requirements and several categories for the type of nominee (senior, youth, faith-based, family, group, business, etc.). Additional categories are based upon the area of service (animal, environmental, disaster, youth, preservation, etc.). County recommendations are reviewed by the State Commission and awards are given out in the counties; and,

WHEREAS, the United Way of Gaston County coordinates our County efforts, advertises, collects applications, and with a review panel, makes recommendations to the State of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners congratulates and extend its deepest appreciation to:

John Philip "Flip" Bombardier  
Kaitlyn Dockery  
Rev. Dr. Joan Martin  
Heather Vernitsky

Aubrey Iona Bridges  
Rebecca Lipka  
Richard Ruhlman  
Jaimie White

upon being named the 2023 recipients of the Governor's Volunteer Award and further recognizes the recipients for their outstanding and exemplary volunteer service to Gaston County.

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Chad Brown, Chairman

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Cathy Cloninger

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Kim Johnson

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Tom Keigher

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Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman

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To be Adopted the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2023



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## Commissioners

## Board Action

File #: 23-291

Commissioners Keigher & Worley - BOC - Commendation - Governor's Volunteer Service Award

### STAFF CONTACT

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### BACKGROUND

The Board of Commissioners and the Gaston County United Way coordinated to publicly recognize the following 2023 recipients of the Governor's Service Award at the Commissioners June 13, 2023 Work Session: John Philip "Flip" Bombardier, Aubrey Iona Bridges, Kaitlyn Dockery, Rebecca Lipka, Rev. Dr. Joan Martin, Richard Ruhlman, Heather Vernitsky, and Jaimie White.

### ATTACHMENTS

Governor's Volunteer Service Award Commendation / Recipient Information

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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:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	RWorley	Vote
2023-192	06/13/2023	RW	AF	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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