



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, 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; and,

WHEREAS, due to the pandemic, the Board of Commissioners and the Gaston County United Way have coordinated to publicly recognize the 2020 recipients of the Governor's Service Award at the Commissioners March 9, 2021 Work Session.

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

*William "Gus" Anthony, Monica Canipe, Sarah Cerilli,
Valarie Jefferson and Doris Sellers*

upon being named the 2020 recipients of the Governor's Volunteer Award and further recognizes the recipients for their outstanding and exemplary volunteer service to Gaston County.

Tom Keigher, Chairman

Chad Brown

Kim Johnson

Allen R. Fraley, Vice-Chairman

Tracy L. Philbeck

Bob Hovis

Ronnie Worley

To be Adopted the 23rd Day of March 2021