



**RESOLUTION TITLE: GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LEGISLATIVE REQUEST: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
PASSAGE OF A NORTH CAROLINA “HEARTBEAT BILL”**

WHEREAS, fourteen state legislatures have passed “Heartbeat Bill” legislation protecting the youngest members of the human family whose heartbeats can be detected; and,

WHEREAS, these legislative bills disallow the use of abortion procedures after an unborn child’s heartbeat is detectable; usually no later than six weeks following conception; and,

WHEREAS, the presence of a heartbeat is a universal and scientific accepted indicator that life does exist; and,

WHEREAS, the existence of a heartbeat is a specific and scientific determination that is defensible and is not based on the changing and ambiguous concept of “fetal viability;” and,

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees equal protection of the laws, and that no person shall be denied life, liberty, or property without due process of the law; and,

WHEREAS, it is the position of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that Constitutional protections should be guaranteed to every living person including, the unborn that are unable to express or defend themselves; and,

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina averages 27,400 abortions each year, many of which occur after the development of a heartbeat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners endorse the passage of “Heartbeat Bill” legislation in North Carolina and that this endorsement includes a reporting and verification process consistent with that passed by other States; and,

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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:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Roy Cooper, North Carolina Governor, the Gaston County Local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and to the other 99 North Carolina counties.

ADOPTED, this the ____ day of _____ 2021.

Tom Keigher, Chairman

ATTEST:

Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board