



- WHEREAS, St. Michael Catholic School, a co-ed, parish-based school, located in Gastonia, North Carolina, was founded in 1942 by the St. Michael Catholic Church Parish under the direction of Father Alphonse Buss, O.S.B.; and,
- WHEREAS, the original school was initially located in a parishioner's five-room home. It was staffed by the Sisters of Mercy and served students from the first to sixth grade; and,
- WHEREAS, St. Michael Catholic School moved to its current location in 1952, under the leadership of Father Gregory Eichenlaub, O.S.B., and became the first building on campus; and,
- WHEREAS, the school offers a supportive and nurturing environment to 171 students in Pre-K through 8th grade, and has been accredited since 1977; and,
- WHEREAS, St. Michael Catholic School is an integral part of the St. Michael Parish Community and serves students from several surrounding communities including Belmont, Shelby, Lincolnton, River Hills, Clover, SC and other nearby areas; and,
- WHEREAS, discovery, collaboration, faith and respect are at the center of St. Michael's commitment to educating the whole child, while developing individual skills and building self-confidence.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes

### ***The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Michael Catholic School***

and further commends the school for its continued contributions to Gaston County, for cultivating tomorrow's leaders, and for encouraging each student to perform and live to their fullest potential.

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To be Adopted the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2017