



- WHEREAS, immediately after the September 11, 2001 tragedy the Gaston Interfaith Trialogue, organized by members of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths, held its first Interfaith Service to mourn and commemorate the event, and has continuously participated in subsequent public commemoration and remembrance ceremonies around the 9/11 anniversary; and,
- WHEREAS, the Gaston Interfaith Trialogue meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in various houses of worship (Temple Emanuel, the Islamic Society of Gastonia, Christian churches), at the YMCA, and Gaston County Public Library; and,
- WHEREAS, the Gaston Interfaith Trialogue published an Open Interfaith Letter in the Gaston Gazette in 2016 to document and publicly display its shared beliefs, and is presently working on its third Community "Walk for Peace", in conjunction with First United Methodist of Gastonia, St. Stephen's AME Zion, Temple Emanuel, First Presbyterian of Gastonia, Redeemer Lutheran, New Hope Baptist, and the Islamic Society of Gastonia on a six mile walk of celebration and mutual respect; and,
- WHEREAS, renowned clergies of all faiths promote peace and mutual understanding during public interfaith lectures and roundtable discussions, and The Interfaith Trialogue has aligned with the Gaston Clergy and Citizens' Coalition (GC3) and has committed to support Gaston County's Law Enforcement agencies; and,
- WHEREAS, members of the Gaston Interfaith Trialogue are available to speak and answer questions of faith at houses of worship or at community organizations in Gaston County that might have an interest in learning more about their peace-making activities.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and commends

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for its resolve in bringing all faith-based religions together to promote peace and mutual understanding, and for making themselves available to houses of worship and community organizations in Gaston County to address faith-based questions to those interested in learning more about their peace-making activities.

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