



WHEREAS, through a lifetime of contribution, older Americans have helped ensure the founding promise of our country remains within reach for their children and grandchildren, and their individual narratives reflect the extraordinary story of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County includes a community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions, as they are trailblazers who advocate for themselves, their peers, and their communities—paving the way for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals age in place and thrive in livable communities of their choice for as long as possible; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County appreciates the value of inclusion and support in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and,

WHEREAS, in the spirit of “Connect, Create, and Contribute” Gaston County encourages older adults and their communities to:

- Connect with friends, family, and services that support participation.
- Create by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment.
- Contribute time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of the valuable contributions made by Gaston County’s older Americans, proclaims the month of May 2019 as

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

and encourage the contributions of older adults to build a stronger community! By engaging and supporting all community members, we recognize that older adults play a key role in the vitality of our neighborhoods, networks, and lives.

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To be Adopted the 28th Day of May 2019