



WHEREAS, through the Miss Gastonia Scholarship Pageant, young women from Gastonia, Gaston County and surrounding areas are afforded the unique opportunity to celebrate service, scholarship, style, and success, which are the foundation of the Miss America program; and,

WHEREAS, the Miss Gastonia Scholarship Pageant gives young women the unique opportunity to showcase their talent, communication skills, community service endeavors, personal style and individuality and commitment to living a healthy lifestyle; and,

WHEREAS, the 2022 Miss Gastonia Scholarship Pageant was held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Stuart Cramer High School auditorium and ten outstanding young women competed for the title of Miss Gastonia 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Miss Gastonia 2022, Sharidan Amiya Costner, is a 19-year-old college Junior honor student at Winston Salem State University, with future plans to become a sports physical therapist, won the title of Miss Gastonia 2022, a \$1,000 college scholarship and other prizes; and,

WHEREAS, we further congratulate Miss Costner who recently gained admission to a specialty medical training program at Wake Forest Medical School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, as Miss Gastonia 2022, Miss Costner made public appearances, to promote her community service platform "Plush Preemies", and represented Gastonia on June 25, 2022 in the 2022 Miss North Carolina Scholarship Pageant in High Point, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, by winning the prestigious title of Miss Gastonia 2022, Miss Costner was only two wins away from becoming Miss America 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners congratulates and commends

Sharidan Amiya Costner Miss Gastonia 2022

for her hard work and commitment to excellence and for her service as an ambassador for the greater Gaston community.

Chad Brown, Chairman

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Adopted the 25th Day of October 2022