WHEREAS, Memorial Day was first observed as Decoration Day on May 30, 1868, as a time for Americans to honor and decorate the graves of fallen Civil War soldiers; and,

WHEREAS, after World War I, the observance expanded to honor all fallen service members from every American conflict, officially becoming known as Memorial Day following World War II. In 1971, Congress designated Memorial Day as a federal holiday, to be observed on the last Monday of May each year; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the sacrifices made by the men and women of our Armed Forces in defense of democracy and freedom. We extend heartfelt gratitude to the families of our service members, whose steadfast support is essential to mission success; and,

WHEREAS, this Memorial Day, we express our deepest appreciation to those who gave their lives in service to our Nation. We mourn alongside their families and pledge to preserve the legacy of those who defended our "unalienable rights" to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"; and,

WHEREAS, during this time of reflection, we honor the contributions of the brave men and women from Gaston County, whose long and distinguished history of military service has strengthened our community and our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners salutes our service members for their outstanding devotion to Duty, Honor, and Country and recognizes

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026

as a day to honor and remember our fallen heroes. The Board further encourages the citizens of Gaston County to unite in prayer and reflection for the sacrifices of our fallen soldiers, their families, and our Veterans.

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Chad Brown, Chairman

Jim Bailey	Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman
Cathy Cloninger	Tom Keigher
Allen R. Fraley	Scott Shehan

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BACKGROUND

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation

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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:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	JBailey	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHavis	TKeigher	SSnehan	Vote
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