



WHEREAS, for over 25 years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and the Gaston Lincoln Cleveland Continuum of Care has been actively working to end hunger and homelessness in Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Gaston County for very low-income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for citizens, students and school service organizations; and,

WHEREAS, there are many organizations and agencies committed to sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing homelessness in Gaston County and working collaboratively through the Gaston Lincoln Cleveland Continuum of Care to end homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Commissioners recognize that hunger and homelessness continues to be a fundamental problem for many individuals and families in Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of the Gaston Lincoln Cleveland Continuum of Care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims November 16-24, 2019 as

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and encourages all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens, and private/public nonprofit service entities.

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