



WHEREAS, Aphasia is an acquired language disorder that affects a person's ability to communicate through speaking, understanding language, reading, or writing, while leaving intelligence intact; and,

WHEREAS, Aphasia is most commonly caused by stroke but may also result from traumatic brain injury, brain tumors, or progressive neurological diseases; and,

WHEREAS, approximately two million people in the United States are living with Aphasia; and,

WHEREAS, individuals with Aphasia often face significant barriers to communication, employment, healthcare access, and community participation; and,

WHEREAS, increased public awareness and understanding of Aphasia can reduce stigma, promote inclusion, and support communication access for all individuals; and,

WHEREAS, National Aphasia Awareness Month is observed annually in **June** as an opportunity to recognize the resilience of people with Aphasia, honor their families and care partners, and highlight the importance of accessible communication in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners **hereby recognizes the annual observance of**

National Aphasia Awareness

and encourages all residents to learn more about Aphasia and support individuals living with communication disabilities.

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