



WHEREAS, Gaston County will celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on December 21, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County was first inhabited by Cherokee and Catawba Indians, and was later settled by German, Scotch Irish, and English immigrants, and now has a population of nearly 228,000 residents from a multitude of backgrounds; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County is now the ninth largest county population-wise in the state of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County has added more than 46,000 residents to its population since the county celebrated its Sesquicentennial in 1996; and,

WHEREAS, The North Carolina General Assembly split Gaston County from Lincoln County to allow for smaller and more localized government; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County's original seat was in Dallas and was moved to Gastonia 110 years ago following a vote by its residents; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County has, through visionary leadership, diversified its economy and built upon the strengths of its citizens to grow a strong manufacturing base with good paying, long-lasting jobs; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County has a proud history with a bright and prosperous future; and,

WHEREAS, all of Gaston County's 14 municipalities are all invited to participate in the celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, that Gaston County's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated in a ceremony on December 21, 2021, at the Rotary Pavilion in Gastonia, along with other events marked by an official 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary seal to celebrate the occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Proclamation, to be adopted the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, be made a part of the Minutes of the Board.

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Tom Keigher, Chairman

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