



**RESOLUTION TITLE: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GASTON COUNTY'S
CAPITAL AND RELIEF EXPANSION (CARE) INITIATIVE**

- WHEREAS, the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, has had and continues to have far-reaching negative impacts on our local, state, and national economy; and,
- WHEREAS, one of the most fundamental roles of government in the United States is to protect the people, their liberties, and to promote the people's general welfare; and,
- WHEREAS, citizens across Gaston County and throughout the State of North Carolina have suffered individual and businesses losses as a result of COVID-19; and,
- WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners is concerned about the negative impacts COVID-19 has had on Gaston County's individual citizens, families, and businesses; and,
- WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to proactively care for its individual citizens, families, and businesses throughout the County; and,
- WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners wishes to lead and not follow with respect to battling COVID-19 and to proactively do what it can to care for its people and to help maintain a strong local economy; and,
- WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners encourages other counties across the State of North Carolina to proactively support their citizens and businesses both now and after the current public health emergency passes; and,
- WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners wishes to exercise its authority within the limits of state and federal law, to support its citizens, businesses, and Gaston County's overall economy; and,
- WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, in consultation with staff, has identified \$50 million in already planned capital and community relief projects that can be responsibly but powerfully expedited for the ultimate benefit of Gaston County's families and businesses.

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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:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the Capital and Relief Expansion (CARE) Initiative, which will expedite up to \$50 million in already planned capital and community relief projects to be started as soon as practicable and for the purpose of supporting Gaston County's citizens, families, businesses, infrastructure, and overall economy.

Adopted this the 24th day of March, 2020.

Tracy L. Philbeck, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board