



- WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County was incorporated on December 22, 1988, and officially affiliated with Habitat International in early 1989; and,
- WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County strives to eliminate substandard housing by providing affordable shelter to those in need in Gastonia and Gaston County; and,
- WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County, through partnerships with homeowners, volunteers, and sponsors, not only build houses, but build homes, relationships, and neighborhoods where families in our local communities are offered a better life; where children are safe; where property values increase and crime is reduced; and where dreams of home ownership can become a reality; and,
- WHEREAS, there are many such havens in Gaston County because of the vision of Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County founders. Since 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County has completed 116 houses in Gaston County: 76 houses in Gastonia, 19 in Belmont, eight in Mt. Holly, three in Cherryville, two in Bessemer City, six in Dallas, and two in Lowell, and have helped build 682 homes in Honduras through our tithing program with Habitat for Humanity International; and,
- WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County's Restore collects donations from friends of our community of household goods, furniture and construction materials and sells these gently used items at affordable prices providing Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County with a steady source of income, and the recycling prevents more than 50 tons of materials being dumped in the Gaston County landfills annually; and,
- WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County, in August 2016 dedicated the Johan Newcombe Event Center in memory of Johan Newcombe, one of our founders, which provides a location for our community to use for events and another source of income to continue building affordable home for families in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates and commends the

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upon their 30th Anniversary and to honor our community's contribution.

Chad Brown, Chairman

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To be Adopted the 28th Day of August 2018