



- WHEREAS, all children in Gaston County should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,
- WHEREAS, Gaston County recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Gaston County to be successful adults; and,
- WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Gaston County; and,
- WHEREAS, Gaston County is home to a multitude of high-quality traditional public schools, public magnet schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children; and,
- WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,
- WHEREAS, Gaston County has many high-quality teaching professionals in traditional public schools, public magnet schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools who are committed to educating our children; and,
- WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims the week of January 24-30, 2016 as

SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

in Gaston County, and calls this observance to the attention of all of its citizens.

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