



- WHEREAS, the Gastonia Family Moose Lodge Chapter 1303, chartered on June 30, 1946, celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year; and,
- WHEREAS, the Gastonia Family Moose Lodge is 150 members strong, including the Women of the Moose Chapter 1536 and belongs to the international organization known as the Loyal Order of the Moose, which was founded in 1888 and is headquartered in Mooseheart, Illinois; and,
- WHEREAS, since its establishment, the Order of the Moose has grown from a men's social club to a fraternal and service organization of more than 1,000,000 men and 400,000 women in all 50 States, Canada, Bermuda and Britain; and,
- WHEREAS, the Order of the Moose provides valuable services to hundreds of communities; it supports a 1,000-acre campus for children and teens in need at the Mooseheart Child City & School in West Chicago and it provides care for its senior members at Moosehaven Retirement community near Jacksonville Florida; and,
- WHEREAS, the organization supports many worthwhile charities and contributes countless hours and millions of dollars to community service; and,
- WHEREAS, the local chapters, made up of men and women of all ages, provide their members with a wide array of activities and many opportunities to serve their community and celebrate life together.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates and commends

### **The Gastonia Family Moose Lodge Chapter 1303 & The Women of the Moose Chapter 1536**

and commemorates the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Chapter 1303 and further recognizes the Loyal Order of the Moose for its many contributions to those in need throughout the United States and abroad.

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Jason Williams, Vice-Chairman

To be adopted the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016