



WHEREAS, the Gaston County Museum of Art and History was established in 1976 to preserve the cultural and artistic history of Gaston County, and has been accredited by the American Alliance of Museums since 1990, and has again achieved accreditation for an additional 10 years, the highest level of distinction for the nation's museums, of which only 28 museums in North Carolina have been awarded; and,

WHEREAS, through a rigorous process of self-assessment and review by peers, the Museum has shown itself to be a good steward of its resources held in public trust and committed to a philosophy of continued institutional growth; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the American Alliance of Museum's reaccreditation process demonstrates that the Museum is publicly committed to upholding the museum field's high professional standards for education, public service, and collections care and has been commended for its exceptional community engagement, inclusive interpretation, professional leadership, and agility to respond to financial and structural change; and,

WHEREAS, by achieving this mark of distinction, the museum is recognized as a leader in the field—exemplifying the best museums have to offer and reminding peers and the public how much museums matter to their communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners commends the Museum for their excellent service to the residents of Gaston County and the region.

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

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and each of its staff in recognition of the receipt of the Museum's reaccreditation.

Chad Brown, Chairman

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