



WHEREAS, December 16, 2023, marks the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, a key event that propelled America toward revolution and independence from Great Britain; and,

WHEREAS, the Boston Tea Party, which stemmed from an ongoing dispute over Parliament's authority, was the first major act of defiance in response to Britain's "taxation without representation"; and,

WHEREAS, in protest of the British Parliament's Tea Act, more than 100 colonists, dressed as Native Americans, boarded three merchant ships and dumped 342 chests of tea into Griffin's Wharf in Boston, Massachusetts; and,

WHEREAS, the British government responded harshly to what they considered an act of treason and followed suit by punishing colonists, especially Boston and the citizens of Massachusetts, with the passing of the Coercive Acts, better known as the "Intolerable Acts"; and,

WHEREAS, outraged by this assault on their liberties, the colonists responded by organizing and gathering at the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1774, which guided the colonies through its war for independence and was a major milestone in the formation of a new government; and,

WHEREAS, it is important to honor and revere the Boston Tea Party's impact on the formation of our great nation and to reflect on our past as we near America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday on July 4, 2026, and the celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby commemorates December 16, 2023 as the

### *250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Boston Tea Party*

and further encourages its citizens to remember the brave men and women who boldly stood up to injustice and tyranny, and to preserve the memory of these liberty-loving individuals whose sacrifices during the American Revolution led to the birth of the United States of America.

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To be Adopted the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2023