



WHEREAS, the Lighthouse, Gaston County Child Advocacy Center, has again received accreditation from the National Children's Alliance Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, National Children's Alliance (NCA) is the national association and accrediting body for Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs). Formed in 1988, NCA has been providing support, technical assistance, and quality assurance for CACs, while serving as a voice for abused children for more than 25 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Lighthouse, Gaston County Child Advocacy Center, first received accreditation in October 2016 from the National Children's Alliance Board of Directors. Following a rigorous review process, the Lighthouse was reaccredited on November 1, 2021, once again achieving the highest level of accreditation, and successfully demonstrating adherence to each of the NCAs ten *Standards* for accreditation; and,

WHEREAS, the Lighthouse, Gaston County Child Advocacy Center, is a multidisciplinary team of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical and victim advocacy professionals working together to investigate abuse, help children heal from abuse, and hold offenders accountable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of County Commissioners extends its congratulations to the Lighthouse, Gaston County Child Advocacy Center, for achieving this impressive accreditation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the Lighthouse, Gaston County Child Advocacy Center, for ensuring children and families in our community are provided efficient, relevant and compassionate services and extends its well wishes for continued success in developing new programs to achieve these goals.

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