



WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant; and,

WHEREAS, counties move America forward by providing health care, administering justice, keeping communities safe, creating economic opportunities and much more; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and,

WHEREAS, through National Association of Counties President Roy Charles Brooks' "Serving the Underserved" initiative, NACo is focusing on the critical role counties play in breaking multi-generational cycles of poverty; and,

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant and safe, America's counties provide public health, justice, safety, infrastructure, transportation, technology, environmental stewardship and economic services that play a key role in everything from residents' daily commutes to emergency response; and,

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County recognizes the 2018 National County Government Month Theme as ***"Serving the Underserved."***

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims April 2018 as

County Government Month

in Gaston County and encourage all County officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

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To be Adopted the 27th Day of March 2018