



WHEREAS, children are the best part of ourselves, the sum of our past and the promise of our future, the guarantee that our lives, values, and dreams will flourish long after we are gone; and,

WHEREAS, children are entitled to financial support from their parents and Gaston County continues to improve its efforts at child support collections; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County applauds those parents who support their children and make child support payments consistently to provide security for their children; and,

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2025-2026 **\$14,110,063** in child support was collected from parents of Gaston County children; and,

WHEREAS, there are **6,247** child support orders in place to ensure that **6,953** children receive financial support from their parents; and,

WHEREAS, many concerned and dedicated child support professionals, judges, attorneys, clerks of court and sheriff's personnel work to establish and enforce child support orders for Gaston County children; and,

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of the importance of Child Support through education, outreach and parental involvement will reinforce the position that all parents are responsible for the financial, emotional, and physical support of their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of August 2026 as

CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

and reminds us all, that we are invested in the future of Gaston County's Children, and we can collaborate to make that future stable and bright.

Chad Brown, Chairman

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To be Adopted the 25th Day of August 2026