



WHEREAS, Gaston County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our County; and,

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association, home is the place where people feel safest from fire but is actually where they are at the greatest risk considering that three-quarters of all U.S. fire deaths occur in homes; and,

WHEREAS, this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape!" aims to reinforce the critical importance of developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 9-15, 2022 as

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

in Gaston County and urges citizens to participate by creating a fire escape plan that meets the needs of all family members in the home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

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To be Adopted the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2022