



WHEREAS, Gaston County has a growing number of older Americans who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to enhance and improve our community; and,

WHEREAS, our citizens benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County recognizes its need to support and sustain a community that provides services and champions older Americans need to thrive and live independently for as long as possible; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County will continue its work to build an even better community for its older residents by planning programs that encourage independence, ensuring activities are responsive to individual needs, provide positive mental and physical engagement and increase access to services that support aging in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as

OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH

in Gaston County and urge every resident to recognize the contributions of our older citizens, and strive to create an inclusive society, that supports our older Americans' choices about how they age in their communities.

Chad Brown, Chairman

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To be Adopted the 27th Day of May 2025