



WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 330 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and,

WHEREAS, counties fulfill a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of our residents' lives; and,

WHEREAS, under the leadership of National Association of Counties (NACo) President Mary Jo McGuire, NACo is highlighting county leadership through the lens **ForwardTogether**, celebrating the role of county governments in connecting, inspiring and leading as intergovernmental partners; and,

WHEREAS, that role includes a responsibility to inspire county residents to engage with their communities, and to lead by highlighting our strength as intergovernmental partners; and,

WHEREAS, each year since 1991, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County takes pride in its responsibility to protect and enhance the health, well-being and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways, through forward-thinking leadership and collaboration with our local, state, and federal partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners recognizes April 2024 as

County Government Month in Gaston County

and encourages citizens to explore the vital role that county government plays in providing a safe, secure, and healthy community for all its residents.

Chad Brown, Chairman

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To be Adopted the 23rd Day of April 2024