



- WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and,
- WHEREAS, Gaston County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, well-being and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and,
- WHEREAS, through National Association of Counties (NACo) President Sallie Clark's "Safe and Secure Counties" initiative, NACo is encouraging counties to focus on strengthening the safety and security of their communities; and,
- WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe, and economically competitive, America's counties provide public health, justice, emergency management and economic services that play a key role in everything from residents' daily health to disaster response; and,
- WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote programs and services to the public we serve; and,
- WHEREAS, Gaston County recognizes the 2016 National County Government Month Theme as "**Safe and Secure Counties.**"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims April 2016 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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