

- WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners accepted the Gaston County Republican Party's nomination on September 25, 2018 and Commissioner Jack B. Brown received the Oath of Office on October 9, 2018; and,
- WHEREAS, Commissioner Brown was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board in December 2019 and will complete his term on December 7, 2020; and,
- WHEREAS, in addition to his first term as a Commissioner from 2004 to 2008, Commissioner Brown has been involved with the Republican Party in Gaston County for many years. He served on the Republican 10th District Executive Committee, and presently serves on the Republican Executive Committee for Gaston County; and,
- WHEREAS, he has been involved with various civic groups since the 1980s including service on the Gaston County Economic Development Commission and Travel and Tourism Advisory Board. He has also served on the Gaston Family Health Services Board of Directors, the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Board, the Transportation Advisory Board, the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), the Schools Facility Committee, and as the Vice-Chairman of the State Parks Commission; and,
- WHEREAS, during his current term of office, Commissioner Brown served as the County Commission's representative to the Gaston County Economic Development Commission, the Family Advisory Board and the Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee; and,
- WHEREAS, Commissioner Brown has always sought fiscal and budgetary accountability with a strong focus on reducing the tax rate for Gaston County citizens; and,
- WHEREAS, he has also supported initiatives that have had a significant impact on the County and the Region's growth, especially in the areas of economic development and land use; and,
- WHEREAS, a lifelong citizen of Gaston County, Commissioner Brown has been a voice for the citizens, as an individual and through his service on the Board of Commissioners. He advocated for a smart growth approach in Gaston County and the Region, and he encouraged community and stakeholder collaboration in economic development and land use decisions; and,
- WHEREAS, at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Commissioner Brown advocated for an expansion of the Family Advisory Board annual grant funding through the County's CARE Plan to provide immediate assistance to at-risk populations impacted during the crisis.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Gaston County, commends and extends grateful appreciation to

## Jack B. Brown

for his steadfast service as a Gaston County Commissioner, and thanks him for his strategic vision and dedication to making our communities economically stronger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commendation, as adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020, be set forth in the Minutes of this Commission.