



WHEREAS, the Governor's Volunteer Service Award honors the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals, groups and businesses that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service; and,

WHEREAS, any person, group, or entity from the public – non-profit and private sector – may be nominated for an award through a county award coordinator. County award coordinators submit their top 10 volunteer nominations per county; and,

WHEREAS, there are eligibility requirements and several categories for the type of nominee (senior, youth, faith-based, family, group, business, etc.). Additional categories are based upon the area of service (animal, environmental, disaster, youth, preservation, etc.). County recommendations are reviewed by the State Commission and awards are given out in the counties; and,

WHEREAS, the United Way of Gaston County coordinates our County efforts, advertises, collects applications, and with a review panel, makes recommendations to the State of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners congratulates and extends its deepest appreciation to:

Latonya Blakeney

Lindsay Stowe

Alvin Ellison

Andrew Taylor

Megan Kieffer

upon being named the 2025 recipients of the Governor's Volunteer Award and further recognizes the recipients for their outstanding and exemplary volunteer service to Gaston County.

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Chad Brown, Chairman

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Jim Bailey

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Cathy Cloninger, Vice-Chair

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To be Adopted the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2025



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## Commissioners

## Board Action

File #: 25-220

Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Commendation - Governor's Volunteer Service Award

### STAFF CONTACT

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### BACKGROUND

The Board of Commissioners and the Gaston County United Way coordinated to publicly recognize the following 2025 recipients of the Governor's Service Award at the Commissioners June 24, 2025 Rescheduled Work Session: Latonya Blakeney, Alvin Ellison, Megan Kieffer, Lindsay Stowe and Andrew Taylor.

### ATTACHMENTS

Governor's Volunteer Service Award Commendation / Recipient Information

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	JBailey	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	TKeigher	SShehan	Vote
2025-201	06/24/2025	BH	JB	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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