



WHEREAS, it is important for the people of Gaston County and its municipalities to know and understand the problems, duties, and responsibilities of our law enforcement officers and agencies. We applaud the members of those agencies for recognizing their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting people against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and,

WHEREAS, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week to honor America's law enforcement community and to pay tribute to those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and,

WHEREAS, our nation, more than ever, depends upon local law enforcement as our first line of defense. The men and women of these agencies give of themselves day in and day out to preserve our homeland security; and,

WHEREAS, in 2025, 115 Peace Officers across the nation and 2 from North Carolina alone died in the line of duty; and,

WHEREAS, the members of law enforcement agencies of Gaston County and its municipalities play a vital role in safeguarding the rights and freedom of our local citizens; and,

WHEREAS, we join law enforcement officers nationwide in honoring their fallen comrades and urge Gaston County citizens to commemorate law enforcement officers, past and present.

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

***Law Enforcement Week
and
Peace Officer's Memorial Day***

in Gaston County during the week of May 10-16, 2026, and calls upon the citizens of Gaston County to honor the memory of fallen Peace Officers and to show appreciation for the service and dedication of all law enforcement officers.

Chad Brown, Chairman

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To be Adopted the 26th Day of May 2026