



WHEREAS, in 1919 a movement was started to organize and build a Country Club and Golf Course in Gastonia. A two man self-appointed committee secured \$50,000 of stock in the Gastonia Country Club Corporation and a site was selected off of New Hope Road. Earl R. Harer, the professional at Linville Golf Club, was hired to locate land and build a 9-hole golf course which cost approximately \$40,000. A Clubhouse was contracted for around \$45,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Club endured a decade known as the deflation years and in 1927, a new corporate charter was obtained, all debts were satisfied from the proceeds of a surplus property sale and stock issuance, and the newly reorganized Gaston Country Club, Inc. was established; and,

WHEREAS, by the early 1950s, growing membership led to the Club's purchase of a tract of land off of New Hope Road as a tentative site to build a larger clubhouse and 18-hole golf course. Shortly afterwards, W. E. Leigh offered the Club the land it needed from his farm located south of the city and east of Union Road; the Club accepted the offer and purchased two hundred acres for its new facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Club hired Charles W. Connelly as the Architect for the new club, Ellis Maples to design and build the new golf course, and R. H. Pinnix to construct the clubhouse and grounds. The club and golf course were completed at a cost of more than \$700,000, which was paid in full. The golf course opened on Thanksgiving Day, 1958 and the clubhouse officially opened January 1, 1959 with approximately 225 resident members; and,

WHEREAS, the Club completed many major improvements to its facilities during the 1990s and 2000s including an expansion of the main building, major renovations to the golf course greens, irrigation system, locker rooms and tennis courts and tennis facility, the installation of new pool complex and new member entrance and the addition of the Heritage Bar in 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners joins in the *100th Centennial Celebration* to commemorate

THE GASTON COUNTRY CLUB

upon its *100th Anniversary* as it continues to build its legacy as a gathering place where friendships are created, relationships flourish, and lifetime memories are made while creating an atmosphere of community, family and fun.

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