



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:

Rene Crump

Sue Johnson

Rex Dover

Joanne Mitchell

Tupelo Guzauskas

upon being named the 2026 recipients of the Governor's Volunteer Service Award and further recognizes the recipients for their outstanding and exemplary volunteer service to Gaston County.

Chad Brown, Chairman

Jim Bailey

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Cathy Cloninger

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To be Adopted the 23rd Day of June 2026