



WHEREAS, the Gaston County public health workforce is a critical component of our emergency response to natural and man-made disasters and widespread disease outbreaks in our County; and,

WHEREAS, public health measures to control and eliminate infectious diseases, improve environmental sanitation, and promote healthy lifestyle practices have greatly improved the health status and life expectancy for the residents of our County and all North Carolina residents; and,

WHEREAS, public health plays a critical role in preventing chronic diseases and injuries, resulting in improved productivity and decreased health care costs for North Carolinians; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners is committed to a continued emphasis on prevention in public health, and to helping our County and all North Carolina reach a better state of health through actions outlined in the Healthy North Carolina 2030 objectives; and,

WHEREAS, communities, local health departments, employers, hospitals and health care providers, individuals and families, insurers, county leaders, policy makers, faith-based communities, schools, and child care facilities must work together to identify and develop innovative solutions to health problems facing the people of Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners encourages all residents to recognize that Public Health is working to ensure that all residents are protected from threats such as pandemics, influenza, foodborne disease, injury, and chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and asthma; and,

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated as National Public Health Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of April 2025 as

PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

in Gaston County and encourages its observance by all County citizens. The Board further extends its deepest gratitude to public health professionals who serve our County every day.

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