



- WHEREAS, the role of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners is crucial for maintaining an informed community and facilitating effective local governance through communication among citizens, governing bodies, and administrative departments; and,
- WHEREAS, the position of Clerk, one of the oldest in local government, continues to be essential as the official recordkeepers of their counties, with responsibilities that are deeply rooted in history; and,
- WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-111 requires every Board of County Commissioners to appoint or designate a Clerk to the Board to perform any duties that may be required by law or the Board of Commissioners including, but not limited to, the preparation, filing, and protection of local government records, which are vital for accountability and transparency; and,
- WHEREAS, Clerks enhance their professional skills through active participation in the North Carolina Association of County Clerks to Boards of Commissioners, which in partnership with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, offers nationally recognized certification programs and continuous professional education; and,
- WHEREAS, Clerks, through their dedication to professional development, not only improve the efficacy of their offices but also bring positive recognition to their counties by participating in advanced education and obtaining profession-related certifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that May 5 through May 11, 2024, will be recognized as

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in Gaston County and extends its appreciation to Clerk to the Board, Donna S. Buff and Deputy Clerks to the Board Marcella McCaskill, Angela Stacks and Miranda Deninger, and to all County Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the counties they represent.

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Chad Brown, Chairman

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