



WHEREAS, all children need the care, love, and stability of family to provide a stable foundation for growth, well-being and development; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021, 487 children in Gaston County entered the Department's custody; 26 reunited with family; and,

WHEREAS, Reunification is the most preferred goal for children in foster care, placed in out-of-home care, including residential and kinship; and,

WHEREAS, Reunification takes work, commitment, investments of time, and resources by not only family, but from the community; and,

WHEREAS, our community, across all aspects of faith-based, non-profit, corporate businesses, volunteer and professional organizations continues to support individuals and families; and,

WHEREAS, dedicated child welfare professionals and community partners work to achieve permanency for children through reunification with birth parents; and,

WHEREAS, June is Family Reunification Month, and an opportunity to recognize families who have successfully overcome the challenges that brought their children into out-of-home care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as

FAMILY REUNIFICATION MONTH

and extends its grateful appreciation to all foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, and child welfare professionals in Gaston County.

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To be Adopted the 28th Day of June 2022