



- 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, including COVID-19; and,
- WHEREAS, our County and state public health workers have been courageous, inventive and tireless in their work to protect our residents from the threats of the COVID-19 pandemic, while continuing to perform their other essential public health functions, often times at the risk of their own safety and health; and,
- WHEREAS, public health measures to control and eliminate infectious diseases, improve environmental sanitation, and promote healthy lifestyle practices have been the greatest cause of improved health status and increased life expectancy for the residents of our County and all North Carolina's residents; and,
- WHEREAS, public health plays a critical role advancing health equity and preventing chronic diseases and injuries, resulting in improved productivity and decreased health care costs for all 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 and policy makers, faith-based communities, and schools and childcare 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 COVID-19, influenza, foodborne disease, injury, and chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and asthma; and,
- WHEREAS, April 4-10, 2022, has been designated as National Public Health Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognizes and proclaims the week of April 4-10, 2022 as

### ***PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK***

in Gaston County, and commend its observance to all County residents and convey our deepest gratitude to those public health professionals who serve our County every day.

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Chad Brown, Chairman

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To be Adopted the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2022