



- WHEREAS, in January, 2017, Gaston County Sheriff Alan Cloninger was honored as the *North Carolina Special Olympics 2016 Torch Run Sheriff of the Year*, and,
- WHEREAS, the Torch Run Council selected Sheriff Cloninger for his leadership and outstanding commitment to raising funds to support Special Olympics North Carolina and “for being a true steward of the Flame of Hope”; and,
- WHEREAS, Sheriff Cloninger is an ardent supporter and participant in all of the fundraiser activities at the Sheriff’s Office which includes the first-ever *No Shave November*, which raised \$3,000 and the *Over the Edge* fundraiser which raised \$1,000 and earned him the chance to rappel off of the Wells Fargo Building in Raleigh as the only Sheriff to participate in that event; and,
- WHEREAS, the North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics’ fundraising campaign unites law enforcement across North Carolina and each summer the Flame of Hope is carried across the State in the Torch Run’s month-long, 2,000-mile final leg and culminates in the lighting of the cauldron to officially open the Special Olympics Summer games in Raleigh.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners congratulates

SHERIFF ALAN CLONINGER

upon being named the ***North Carolina Special Olympics 2016 Torch Run Sheriff of the Year*** and further commends him for his faithful advocacy and support of North Carolina Special Olympics.

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