



WHEREAS, children are the best part of ourselves, the sum of our past and the promise of our future, the guarantee that our lives, values and dreams will flourish long after we are gone; and,

WHEREAS, children are entitled to financial support from their parents, and Gaston County continues to improve its efforts at child support collections; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County applauds those parents who support their children and make child support payments consistently to provide security for their children; and,

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2018-2019, approximately \$15,392,095.00 in child support was collected from parents of Gaston County children; and,

WHEREAS, there are 7,744 child support orders in place, working to ensure over 10,000 children receive financial support from their parents; and,

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of the importance of this issue through education, outreach, and media attention will reinforce the position that all parents must take responsibility for the financial, emotional, and physical support of their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of August 2019 as

CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

and reminds us all that we are invested in the future of Gaston County's Children, and we can collaborate to make that future stable and bright.

Tracy L. Philbeck, Chairman

Chad Brown, Vice-Chairman

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To be Adopted the 27th Day of August 2019