



**RESOLUTION TITLE: TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROVE THE FORMATION OF THE
GASTON COUNTY OFFICIAL AMERICA 250 NC COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina, created AMERICA 250 NC to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and North Carolina's integral role in that event and the role of its people on the nation's past, present, and future; and,

WHEREAS, AMERICA 250 NC has a mission to engage ALL North Carolinians and ALL 100 counties through their many signatures and officially recognized programs, projects and events over the commemoration by inspiring future leaders and celebrating North Carolina's contributions to the nation over the last 250 years; and,

WHEREAS, by adoption of AMERICA 250 NC's mission, the Gaston County Committee is officially formed to achieve the goals of AMERICA 250 NC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses AMERICA 250 NC and its mission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The County of Gaston officially establishes an AMERICA 250 NC Committee, made up of a diverse group of citizens to work with AMERICA 250 NC on any and all activities. The participants of the Gaston County Committee will be strictly voluntary roles and there will be no compensation for participation. Those members are: Jane Kaylor, Gaston County Public Library (Committee Chair); Michael Applegate, Gaston County Tourism Development; Stephanie Armstrong, Gaston County Public Library; Elizabeth Atterberry, Belmont Historical Society; Michael Baxter, Belmont Abbey College; Dandria Bradley, Gaston County Communications Office; Robby Buff, Sons of the American Revolution Catawba Valley Chapter; Robert Carpenter, Historic Preservation Commission; Mary Elliott, City of Gastonia; Christine Ingle, City of Gastonia; Adam Gaub, Gaston County Communications Office; Doug Glenn, Cramerton Historical Society; Dot Guthrie, African-American Museum of History and Culture; Susan Lockridge, Gaston County Register of Deeds; Ali Pizza, Gaston County Museum of Art and History; Dr. Cary Poole, Author and Retired Higher Education Professional.
2. A copy of this Resolution be sent to the Gaston County Legislative Delegation and the AMERICA 250 NC Committee.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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Communications

Board Action

File #: 24-089

Commissioner Worley - Communications - To Recognize and Approve the Formation of the Gaston County Official AMERICA 250 NC Committee

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BUDGET IMPACT

None

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

None

BACKGROUND

North Carolina has a state-level AMERICA 250 NC Committee and is encouraging each of its 100 counties to create a local version to help in planning activities and programming to celebrate our country's 250th birthday in 2026. Gaston County's committee already contains a diverse group of members, and will continue to grow in the months ahead, as we look to gain representation from each of our municipalities and key community entities. In order for the committee to apply for grant funding, it must be officially recognized by the County Board of Commissioners no later than May 3, 2024.

POLICY IMPACT

The formation of this committee and the work it will do aligns with several of the goals of Gaston County's 2024-28 Strategic Plan, including: Improve Community Engagement; Promote Enjoyment of Gaston County's Diverse Historic, Artistic, Recreational, and Natural Resource Assets; and Improve Equitable Access and Diverse Representation in Programming and Resources.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

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