



WHEREAS, the Mrs. North Carolina America Pageant is a prestigious statewide competition that celebrates the accomplishments, leadership, and community service of married women, and provides a platform for participants to promote meaningful causes while serving as ambassadors of goodwill across the State of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the 2026 Mrs. North Carolina America Pageant was held on March 16, 2026, at the James W. Warren Citizens Center in Lincolnton, North Carolina, where contestants from across the state competed for the distinguished title through a multi-phase competition which evaluated poise, confidence, and communication skills, and highlighted each participant's commitment to community service and advocacy; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Erin Dunaway, a proud native of Gastonia, North Carolina, distinguished herself among an accomplished field of contestants and was crowned 2026 Mrs. North Carolina America; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dunaway is a dedicated health and fitness professional and business owner working alongside her husband to promote wellness and strengthen individuals and families through healthy living, while also balancing her role as a devoted wife and mother; and,

WHEREAS, as 2026 Mrs. North Carolina America, Mrs. Dunaway will serve as an ambassador of the Mrs. America organization, promoting its mission to empower married women as leaders and advocates; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dunaway will proudly represent the State of North Carolina at the national Mrs. America Pageant, joining contestants from across the nation in a competition that honors married women for their achievements, leadership, and service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and commends

*Mrs. Erin Dunaway*

upon being crowned 2026 Mrs. North Carolina America, and extends its sincere congratulations and best wishes for continued success as she represents the State of North Carolina on the national stage.

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