



- WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Day, a lifelong resident of Cherryville, NC, displayed selfless bravery while attempting to help a family trapped in a vehicle during a violent storm in Cherryville; and,
- WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, Mrs. Samantha Hartridge was at Robert Ballard Park watching her daughter play softball when lightning and high winds caused the game to be canceled; and,
- WHEREAS, Jason was also at the field to pick up his daughter from the game when he witnessed a tree fall on the vehicle, trapping Samantha and her daughter in their car; and,
- WHEREAS, without hesitation, Jason left his truck and courageously rushed to their aide, but before he could get them out, he was thrown nearly forty feet in the air by the strong winds and was knocked unconscious; and,
- WHEREAS, Jason didn't regain consciousness until he was on his way to the hospital where he was treated for a concussion, broken nose and cheek bone and numerous stitches and staples; and,
- WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the storm, Samantha and her daughter were finally able to meet and thank the good Samaritan who risked his life trying to help them during their frightening ordeal; and,
- WHEREAS, when asked about his heroic actions on that day, Jason reflected that he would do it all again. "I saw somebody in need", he said, "and knew I needed to help them. It was instinct to just jump in and help."

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

## **JASON DAY**

and extends its heartfelt appreciation for his courage and brave actions during a violent storm on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 and for his selfless determination to protect his fellow citizens in need.

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To be Adopted the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2023



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## Board of Commissioners Board Action

File #: 23-313

Commissioner Fraley - BOC - Commendation - To Commend Mr. Jason Day for his Acts of Bravery During the Violent Storm in Cherryville on May 16, 2023

### STAFF CONTACT

Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

### BACKGROUND

### ATTACHMENTS

Commendation

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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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