



**RESOLUTION TITLE: TO AUTHORIZE THE GASTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR BUILDING REUSE GRANT FOR PROJECT ROO**

**WHEREAS,** Project ROO is considering an investment of \$8,900,000 to locate a manufacturing operation to Gaston County, including the installation of machinery and equipment and the up-fit of The Maistro building and the creation of at least fifty (50) new jobs expecting to pay an average annual wage of \$39,667 which is above the 2017 average annual wage of Gaston County of \$38,438; and,

**WHEREAS,** North Carolina General Statute §158-7.1 authorizes a County to undertake an economic development project by providing grants for rehabilitation of existing structures and the location of industry; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the County to apply for a Building Reuse Grant, a program offered by the Rural Economic Development Division (REDD) of the North Carolina Department of Commerce for Project ROO; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Gaston County Board of Commissioners understands that a local match of up to twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) is required should Project ROO be awarded this competitive grant; and,

**WHEREAS,** if awarded by the REDD of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners will conduct a properly advertised public hearing to consider whether to accept said Building Reuse Grant for Project ROO.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners to:

1. Instruct the Gaston County Economic Development Commission to apply for a Building Reuse Grant from the REDD of NC Department of Commerce for Project ROO.
2. Execute any documents necessary to apply for this competitive State incentive program.

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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: