



WHEREAS, through a lifetime of contribution, older Americans have helped ensure the founding promise of our country remains within reach for their children and grandchildren, and their individual narratives reflect the extraordinary story of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County includes a community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions, as they are trailblazers who advocate for themselves, their peers, and their communities—paving the way for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals age in place and thrive in livable communities of their choice for as long as possible; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County appreciates the value of inclusion and support in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Promoting home and community-based services that support independent living
- Involving older adults in community planning, events and other activities
- Providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead and mentor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of the valuable contributions made by Gaston County's older Americans, proclaims the month of May 2018 as

Older Americans Month

and urges every resident to take time this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to our community.

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