



- WHEREAS, Mr. Josh Taylor was appointed to the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in 2006 representing the Riverbend Township. He was elected Vice Chairman in 2007 served as Chairman from 2008 - 2018; and,
- WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor has volunteered with Gaston County Parks and Recreation since 2005, serving as trail coordinator for the George Poston Park mountain bike and hiking trails. Under Mr. Taylor's leadership, the County opened the first three miles of trail in 2007 and today there are ten miles of trails at Poston Park; and,
- WHEREAS, the Poston trails have been completely constructed and maintained by volunteers under Mr. Taylor's leadership and the trails were recognized by the United States Department of the Interior as a National Recreational Trail in 2016; and,
- WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was instrumental in the development of Gaston County Parks and Recreation's Stanley Creek Massacre Race, providing course design and management; and,
- WHEREAS, under Mr. Taylor's role as Parks and Recreation Advisory Chairman, Gaston County opened two new parks, opened two new phases at George Poston Park, completed the County's first dog park, and completed two park master plans; and,
- WHEREAS, in recognition of his achievements, Mr. Taylor was awarded the Gaston County Police Volunteer of the Year in 2008, the Outstanding Citizen Board Member of the Year award from the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association in 2012, and the William Gaston Award from the Gaston County Board of Commissioners in 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude to

## **JOSH TAYLOR**

for his dedicated service to the citizens of Gaston County and to Gaston County Parks and Recreation and wishes him success in all future endeavors.

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