



WHEREAS, Gaston County cannot thrive if the public's health is not sound; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services works to prevent the spread of disease and understand the root causes of poor health and health disparities to remove barriers to good health for all Gaston County residents; and,

WHEREAS, Department of Health and Human Services staff were recognized as North Carolina's 2018 Health Department of the Year as they lead the state through their innovative public health programs and practices; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services works alongside elected officials, community leaders, planners, and boards and commissions to develop influential policies that will protect the public's health; and,

WHEREAS, the vision of the Gaston County Department of Health and Human Services is that by promoting economic and educational wellbeing, Gaston County is building a foundation for a safe, healthy, and prosperous community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 2019 to be

PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

in Gaston County, and urges our citizens to renew their efforts to make healthy choices while recognizing the work that the Gaston County Department of Health and Human Services does to prevent, protect and provide for a healthier community.

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