



- WHEREAS, Daimler Trucks North America, LLC, headquartered in Portland, Oregon, is the leading heavy-duty truck manufacturer in North America. Daimler Trucks North America produces and markets commercial vehicles under the Freightliner, Western Star and Thomas Built Buses nameplates. Daimler Trucks North America is a Daimler company, the world's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer; and,
- WHEREAS, this year, the Mount Holly Truck Manufacturing Plant (TMP) celebrates its 40th Anniversary; and,
- WHEREAS, in 1979, Freightliner invested \$24 million in Mount Holly's Truck Manufacturing facility. The Mount Holly Truck Manufacturing Plant was originally designed to produce 35 trucks per day. Today TMP produces 126 trucks per day with its 1,500+ skilled employees; and,
- WHEREAS, the Mount Holly Truck Manufacturing Plant produces the full line of Freightliner medium-duty Business Class® M2 / SD models as well as a cab for the Western Star units built at the Cleveland Truck Plant and cabs for Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation in Gaffney, S.C. which become RV's and Shuttle buses; and,
- WHEREAS, Mount Holly's Carolina-based employees embrace the American spirit of hard work, dedication, and community service supporting Daimler's commitment to creating and living a culture of excellence; and,
- WHEREAS, Daimler's commitment to the community is evident in many of their contributions to Gaston County including their support for technical education programs at local high schools; and,
- WHEREAS, Daimler continues to have a substantial impact on the local business environment and economy as a major employer and significant taxpayer for Gaston County, Mount Holly and Gastonia. Their productions also support many local and regional suppliers; and,
- WHEREAS, in 2017, the Mount Holly Truck Manufacturing Plant was recognized at the highest level as an Environmental Steward by the state of North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners commends and congratulates

THE MOUNT HOLLY TRUCK MANUFACTURING PLANT OF DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA, LLC

upon its 40th Anniversary and expresses its sincere gratitude for Daimler's continued investment in Gaston County and for its many contributions to our community.

Tracy L. Philbeck, Chairman

Chad Brown, Vice-Chairman

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To be Adopted the 25th Day of June 2019