



- WHEREAS, *reading is the roadmap that all students can travel to experience real life experiences; and,*
- WHEREAS, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards provide the bibliotherapy some students need as their transition from a "Fixed to Growth Mindset"; and,
- WHEREAS, *The Coretta Scott King Book Awards* was founded in 1969 and commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and works and also honors his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, for her passion and determination to continue her late husband's mission of peace and world brotherhood; and,
- WHEREAS, *The Coretta Scott King Book Awards* are given annually to African-American authors and illustrators of children and young adult books that demonstrate an appreciation of the African-American culture; and,
- WHEREAS, the mission of *The African-American Museum of History and Culture - Loray Mill* is to encourage the citizens of Gaston County to explore, examine and engage to seek a deeper understanding and appreciation for the contributions and achievements attained by African-Americans through literature and other artifacts at the local, regional and national levels; and,
- WHEREAS, the Museum and schools across the County will promote *The Coretta Scott King Book Awards Literature Week* during February 16-22, 2020.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners proclaims February 16–22, 2020 as

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LITERATURE WEEK**

in Gaston County and encourages the citizenry to explore African-American literature throughout the year.

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To be Adopted the 25th Day of February 2020