



WHEREAS, Gaston County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our county; and,

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States; two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and,

WHEREAS, residents should stay in the kitchen when cooking food on the stove or in the oven and keep a kid-free zone around cooking areas; and,

WHEREAS, this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" works to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 4-10, 2020, as

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

throughout this community and urge the community to participate by checking their kitchens for fire hazards and establishing safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2020.

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To be Adopted the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2020