



WHEREAS, it is a distinct privilege to honor the many Gaston County Veterans of the United States Armed Forces, who have so bravely preserved the freedom which allows us to continue to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave; and,

WHEREAS, for several years, the Gaston All American Fair, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Defense, has honored Vietnam veterans during its annual pinning ceremony. In 2021, organizers of the event have extended the recognition to all Gaston County Veterans from all branches of the military, and will present an inaugural *All American Fair Military Pin* to them during a special pinning ceremony on Sunday, June 20th; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners salutes and honors veterans, past and current, and commemorates the legacy of service and sacrifice they have upheld in their steadfast defense of America's ideals and enduring principles; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission pays tribute to those patriots who have served throughout our nations many conflicts and disasters, as well as during peacetime, and expresses its gratitude to the families that support them, and to the heroes no longer with us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners extends its sincere appreciation and thankfulness to all

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and encourages citizens to seek out Veterans throughout the community and thank them for their acts of bravery and unselfish contributions in keeping America free for this generation and for generations to come. Let us remember our solemn obligations to our Veterans and recommit to upholding the founding principles of our great Country so that we may always be free.

Tom Keigher, Chairman

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