



**RESOLUTION TITLE: TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MINING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPENLY DISCUSSING PIEDMONT LITHIUM'S PROPOSED MINING ACTIVITIES IN GASTON COUNTY AS DETAILED IN THE COMPANY'S STATE MINING APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of the Gaston County Code of Ordinances concerns the health and safety of the citizens of Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, Piedmont Lithium, Inc. submitted a mining application to the State of North Carolina on August 30, 2021 proposing an array of open-pit mining operations in the northwestern part of Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, citizens throughout Gaston County have voiced and continue to voice significant interest in Piedmont Lithium's proposed mining activities in the County; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County wants its citizens to have a thorough opportunity to be heard, respected, and informed as to the potential risks and benefits of a project of this size and scope; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina's Mining Act of 1971 provides, in pertinent part, that the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (the "Department") shall hold a public hearing whenever the Department determines that significant public interest exists regarding any new mining application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality schedule and notice a public hearing on Piedmont Lithium, Inc.'s North Carolina Mining Application submitted August 30, 2021.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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