



**RESOLUTION TITLE: TO ADOPT AN OUTREACH PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH VERIFIABLE PERCENTAGE GOAL FOR PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY BUSINESSES IN THE AWARDING OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO N.C. GEN. STAT. § 143-128.2**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2001 – 496, Senate Bill 914 to enhance and improve the good faith efforts to recruit and select minority businesses for participation in public building construction or repair contracts by adding N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.2; and,

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.2 requires each county to adopt, after notice and a public hearing, an appropriate verifiable percentage goal for participation by minority businesses in the total value of work for building projects costing \$300,000 or more; and,

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.2(b) requires a public entity awarding a building contract where the total cost equals or exceeds \$300,000 to establish, prior to solicitation of bids, good faith efforts that it will take to make it feasible for minority businesses to submit successful bids or proposals for the contracts for building projects; and,

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.2(e)(1) requires a public entity awarding a building construction or repair contract where the total cost exceeds \$300,000, prior to awarding a contract, to develop and implement a minority business participation outreach plan; and,

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was duly published in The Gaston Gazette on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, and the required public hearing was held on April 27, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners:

1. That Gaston County shall have a ten percent (10%) verifiable goal for participation by minority businesses in the total value of work for building projects awarded by Gaston County and costing \$300,000 or more.
2. That Gaston County shall follow the Outreach Plan and Guidelines for Recruitment and Selection of Minority Businesses for Participation in Building Construction or Repair Contracts with the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.
3. That the Gaston County Manager shall designate a specific Gaston County employee as the County’s Minority Business Outreach Coordinator.

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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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4. That the Minority Business Outreach Coordinator shall provide an annual update to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners briefing the Board on the County's progress toward its verifiable percentage goal.
5. That this Resolution rescinds any conflicting language from any prior related resolutions.
6. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.