



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International and the German Language and Culture Foundation have made a significant impact in building bridges across nations, cities and communities around the globe, particularly in Germany, in order to create and sustain world peace; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 Gastonia Sister Cities and the German Language and Culture Foundation joined together to provide more local students the opportunity to travel abroad to our Sister City in Gotha, Germany; and

WHEREAS, Gastonia Sister Cities has received more than \$90,000 in scholarship funds for local students to travel to Gotha, Germany since 2011 and we recognize this investment has allowed students to travel to our Sister City who would otherwise be unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia is proud and grateful to be a significant partner in this global network with Gastonia Sister Cities and the German Language and Culture Foundation partnership; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are committed to promoting and celebrating a peaceful and prosperous future through ongoing people-to-people exchanges.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim **March 20, 2018** as

German Language and Culture Foundation Day

and encourage all citizens to commit to creating "Peace through People" locally, nationally and internationally.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 20th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk