



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.** is an international community service driven organization that was founded on January 16, 1920 in Washington, D.C. on the campus of Howard University by five collegiate women; and

**WHEREAS,** on April 7, 1956 the **Beta Mu Zeta Graduate Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.** was chartered in Gaston County, and redefined on October 26, 2016 by Erika Jones, Dr. Sherra' Watkins, Tracie Orr, Roslyn Nail, Tyjuara Terrelonge, Crystal Thurmond, Debrena Crawford, Cynthia Bethune-Odom, Keya Youmans and Ashley Baucom; and

**WHEREAS,** guided by their core values of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood for the past 64 years, the women of the **Beta Mu Zeta chapter** have worked tirelessly to provide necessary support and services to our Gaston County citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** whether it be through educational enhancement through Lingerfelt Elementary School, volunteering at the Domestic Violence Shelter of Gastonia, providing Thanksgiving meals to the community, the beautification of our city, social and civic advocacy, or providing health and wellness resources to Gastonia through Zetas Helping Other People Excel programs (Z-HOPE), the women of **Beta Mu Zeta** consistently demonstrate a true commitment to the community we serve; and

**WHEREAS,** a further testament of faith that the **Beta Mu Zeta chapter** has a solid commitment to the youth of Gastonia through providing relevant support, education, and uplift young girls ages 4-18 years of age in the community with encouraging leadership, positive sisterly relationships, community engagement, and the ideals of scholarly achievement.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, recognize and congratulate the **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Beta Mu Zeta Chapter** on its 100 years of service and sisterhood.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

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Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk