



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ada Lovelace, a gifted mathematician is considered to have been the first computer programmer in the mid-1800s and is internationally recognized for her contributions to computer science and technology during the month of March as a part of Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, women comprise less than one quarter of those employed in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fields; and

WHEREAS, the number of engineers and scientists represented in modern media, are twice as many men than women; and

WHEREAS, the program "Full STEAM Ahead" was created to empower women to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematic fields by exposing them to their potential allowing them to cultivate their skills and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Mariana Linares, Miss Gaston County 2020, advocates for gender equality in STEAM fields and promotes STEAM education and engagement within classrooms, camps, programs, colleges, and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, young women who are exposed to inspiring, influential role models within STEAM fields are more likely to pursue a successful career in STEAM; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia is committed to honoring women who have made inspiring contributions to STEAM fields that encourage innovation and make the world a better place.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, recognize the month of March as

WOMEN IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, AND MATHEMATICS (STEAM)

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 18th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk