



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Dot Guthrie had a vision to provide the citizens of Gaston County the opportunity to explore, examine, engage, and encourage all to seek better understanding and a deeper appreciation of the achievements and contributions of by African Americans at the local, regional, and national levels through literature and other artifacts; and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Dot Guthrie founded **The African American Museum of History and Culture at Loray Mill in Gastonia, NC;** and

**WHEREAS,** the Museum and schools across Gaston County will promote the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Literature Week during the week of February 16 - 22, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Literature Week provides the bibliotherapy that some students need as they transition from a "Fixed to Growth Mindset;" and

**WHEREAS,** reading is the roadmap for all students to travel as they explore real life experiences; and

**WHEREAS,** The African American Museum of History and Culture will have a lasting impact on Gaston County residents and all who visit by giving them the opportunity to learn and celebrate the culture.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, congratulate Ms. Dot Guthrie in the accomplishment of her vision and her devotion to make it happen as we celebrate the one-year anniversary of the

## **AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE AT LORAY MILL**

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I hereunto set my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 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