



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS, Mr. Alan G. Cloninger**, an esteemed lifelong resident of Gaston County, has devoted the majority of his life serving the citizens of Gaston County as elected Gaston County Sheriff since 2004 and before that serving more than a decade as Attorney and Counsel of Law in the Gaston County area since 1988; and

**WHEREAS, Mr. Cloninger** graduated from Gaston Day School in 1976 and received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Police Science from Gaston College before moving on to attain a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1983 and a Juris Doctor at Campbell University School of Law in 1988; and

**WHEREAS, Mr. Cloninger** was the recipient of the 2017 Martin Luther King Unity Award presented by Gaston Together and received the 2016 "Sheriff of the Year" Award by the North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics; and

**WHEREAS, Mr. Cloninger** has given back to this community in a multitude of ways including as a member of the Gastonia East Rotary Club, Board of Trustees for Gaston College, appointed as a member of North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission, and as past Board of Directors for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, just to name a few.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, here do recognize and congratulate

## **ALAN G. CLONINGER**

on his retirement and thank him for his lifelong commitment to serving our community.

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

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Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk