



Proclamation

WHEREAS, all children should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and

WHEREAS, Gastonia recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Gastonia to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Gastonia; and

WHEREAS, Gastonia is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS, Gastonia has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, John Bridgeman do hereby recognize **January 22-28, 2017** as

Gastonia School Choice Week

and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

John D. Bridgeman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk