



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the **Eta Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated** was founded on October 1, 1959 in Gastonia and has been active in Gastonia and Gaston County for more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, the first intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity established for African American men, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on December 4, 1906 by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country and the organization is based on the precepts of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind; and

WHEREAS, the **Eta Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated** in 2019 provided mentorship to youth through its ASPIRE program, participated in the City of Gastonia's National Night Out event, provided school supplies in a Backpack Giveaway at the T. Jeffers Center, held a Voter Forum, performed Roadside Cleanups on Westover Street in Gastonia, and sponsored a Boy Scout troop.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, urge all members of the community to join the

**ETA MU LAMBDA CHAPTER
OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED**

in this year's celebration of its

60th Anniversary

and to honor their community contributions.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 15th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Candice G. Owenby, Deputy City Clerk