



Proclamation

WHEREAS, equal housing opportunity is a right guaranteed to all Americans under Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Law; and

WHEREAS, each year since the enactment of the National Fair Housing Law, the Federal government has designated April as Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Gastonia and Gaston County are encouraged to share in the effort to ensure that fair housing opportunity is a reality for all: and

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Fair Housing Law provides an opportunity for all citizens of Gastonia and Gaston County to rededicate themselves to the principles of free choice and to reacquaint themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the law.

THEREFORE, I, John D. Bridgeman, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2017** as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

and encourage the citizens of Gastonia to join in reaffirming the obligation of commitment of fair housing opportunities for all.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

John D. Bridgeman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk