



Proclamation

WHEREAS, **Gaston Sheet Metal Services**, celebrating 90 years of service, has been providing high-quality home and commercial improvement services to the Greater Charlotte area since 1927; and

WHEREAS, **Gaston Sheet Metal Services** was founded by Mr. W. Fred Long, later passed on to his son, Mr. Ronald J. Long Sr. in 1971 and then passed on to the third generation, brothers Steven and Joel Long, in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the sheet metal shop has evolved into serving homeowners as well as the region's largest corporations, hospitals, manufacturing, industrial, education, religious, government and banking industries; and

WHEREAS, **Gaston Sheet Metal Services** has been involved in many community organizations such as the United Way, the Rotary Club, the Community Foundation, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gaston County, the Salvation Army, Cancer Services of Gaston County, and the Gaston Chamber to name a few; and

WHEREAS, **Gaston Sheet Metal Services** is the recipient of many awards over the past 90 years, most notably 2017 Top Work Place, 2017 Best of Gaston, 2016 Firestone Master Contractor Award, 2016 Outstanding Employer Award Winner – Governor's NCWorks Award of Distinction, and 2015 Gaston Small Business of the Year among many other awards.

THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, recognize and congratulate **Gastonia Sheet Metal Services** on 90 years of success, providing excellent customer service and community involvement to make Gastonia a better place to live, work and play.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 19th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk