



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Gaston Dance Theater, founded in 1982 by Ms. Pat Wall, is one of the first not-for-profit dance organizations in Gaston County offering classical ballet, modern, jazz and tap genres of dance; and
- WHEREAS,** as a nonprofit dance school, Gaston Dance Theatre offers scholarships to students with a financial need and a desire to learn the art of dance; and
- WHEREAS,** Gaston Dance Theatre also formed a pre-professional dance curriculum for advanced level students; and
- WHEREAS,** the dance company has performed various classical ballets including, “Cinderella”, “Sleeping Beauty”, “Don Quixote” and “Coppelia”; has performed the holiday classic “The Nutcracker” for the Gaston County region for more than 25 years; and has co-hosted the Winter Dance Festival along with School of the Arts; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2013 Gaston Dance Theatre began presenting Contemporary Dance productions to Gaston County residents, along with free performances for Title 1 schools; and
- WHEREAS,** Gaston Dance Theatre has had the opportunity to partner with Title 1 schools and also brought the classical ballet, “Peter and the Wolf” to numerous elementary schools in Gastonia; as well as with other local arts organizations such as Gaston School of Arts, Little Theatre of Gastonia, the Gaston Symphonic Band and other groups such as the Holy Angels and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Gastonia.
- NOW THEREFORE,** I, John D. Bridgeman, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, recognize and congratulate **GASTON DANCE THEATRE on their 35th Anniversary** and for providing excellent education in the art of dance and performance to the Gaston area community.
- IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I hereunto set my hand this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

John D. Bridgeman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk