



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the **Little Theater of Gastonia**, which was incorporated in 1950 by George Gray, Roger Grier, Jeanne Rauch, Edith Baugh, Catherine Groves, Pinkie Spargo, Naomi Cunningham and Ennis Atkins, is entering its 70<sup>th</sup> season of presenting plays to the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the **Little Theater of Gastonia** endeavors to enrich all participants and partners in Gastonia and the surrounding areas through the Theatre Arts in the spirit of excellence, community, education, and collaboration; and

**WHEREAS,** the current building was built in 1959 as a temporary home on land donated by the city of Gastonia and has recently received a new roof and renovated lobby; and

**WHEREAS,** the theater has performed various shows such as *Million Dollar Quartet*, *Outside the Wire*, *Born Yesterday*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *1776*, *Shrek*, and *Frozen Jr.* for the Gaston County region for more than 69 years; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2019 in an effort to reach out to a new generation of aspiring actors the theater restarted a youth summer program and offered youth drama classes; and

**WHEREAS,** the theater has worked with hundreds of local actors in order to bring the excitement of live performance to our citizens by providing quality productions and magical moments that engage, inspire, challenge, and entertain audiences and enrich our community.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, recognize and congratulate **LITTLE THEATER OF GASTONIA on their 70<sup>th</sup> SEASON** and for providing excellent live theater to the Gaston area community.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I hereunto set my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

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Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk