



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mr. Locke Bell, an esteemed resident of Gaston County, was elected District Attorney in 2006 after spending more than two decades in private practice as a criminal defense attorney; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell, who grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina and came from a long line of Attorneys dating back to the early 1800's, graduated from Wake Forest School of Law in 1983 after earning a degree in Religion from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell has given back to this community in a multitude of ways including serving on the Gaston County Board of Adjustment, Water/Sewer Board and Minimum Housing Board as well as the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell plans to enjoy his retirement on his farm beekeeping, nurturing fruit trees, and growing flowers;

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 **Mr. Locke Bell** on his retirement and thank him for his long-standing commitment to serving our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 21st day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk