



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Catawba Valley Chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century of Gastonia is locally sponsoring **National Colonial Heritage Month** during the month of October 2017; and

WHEREAS, **National Colonial Heritage Month** brings to mind the first courageous settlers who arrived in America and who determined the direction for the formation of our country; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Society, by virtue of their lineal descent from those early arrivals, feel an obligation to work for the preservation of the priceless legacy that these early arrivals left to all American citizens; and

WHEREAS, they continue to convey the true meaning of the inheritance by reminding us that our privilege to live in a free country has stemmed from “loving our country, obeying its laws, respecting its flag and defending it against all enemies”.

NOW 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 October, 2017, as

NATIONAL COLONIAL HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Gastonia and encourage all Citizens of the City of Gastonia to observe this month as a means of reinforcing the priceless legacy that we inherit with our citizenship, in order to help preserve our rich culture and heritage with deep respect for the principles upon which our great country was founded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

John D. Bridgeman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk