



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the **Honorable Senator Kathy Harrington**, grew up in Gastonia, is a graduate of Hunter Huss High School, and attended Gaston College, and has been involved in Gaston County politics for decades, including many grassroots campaigns for local, statewide, and national Republican candidates; and

WHEREAS, **Senator Harrington**, who is also a North Carolina Real Estate Broker, was first elected to represent Gaston County in 2011 as Senator in the North Carolina General Assembly and was elected Senate Majority Leader in 2020 making her the first woman elected to that position; and

WHEREAS, **Senator Harrington** has received numerous awards from organizations in her district including, the Metro Mayors Coalition “Award for Transportation Policy” and because of her history of staying connected with her constituency, she has often been referred to as the “People’s Senator”; and

WHEREAS, **Senator Harrington** gives back to her community in many ways including, being an advocate for abused and neglected children and a volunteer mentor and tutor at several elementary schools, as well as serving on several community boards, such as Gaston County Museum of Art and History, Gaston Dance Theatre, and Piedmont Community Charter School, where she served as Chairwoman of both the Governance Committee and the Interim High School Board.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, here do recognize and congratulate the Honorable

SENATOR KATHY HARRINGTON

as she completes her final term in the Senate and thank her for her dedication and 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 15th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk