



Proclamation

WHEREAS, St. Michael Catholic School is an integral part of the St. Michael Parish Community of Gastonia and offers a supportive and nurturing environment to 171 students in Pre-K through 8th grade, and has been accredited since 1977; and

WHEREAS, St. Michael Catholic School serves students from several surrounding communities including Belmont, Shelby, Lincolnton, River Hills, Clover, SC and other nearby areas; and

WHEREAS, discovery, collaboration, faith and respect are at the center of **St. Michael's** commitment to educating the whole child, while developing individual skills and building self-confidence; and

WHEREAS, St. Michael Catholic School was founded in 1942 under the direction of Father Alphonse Buss, O.S.B., and the original school was initially located in a parishioner's five-room home and staffed by the Sisters of Mercy; and moved to its current location in 1952, under the leadership of Father Gregory Eichenlaub, O.S.B., and

WHEREAS, St. Michael Catholic School celebrates its **75th anniversary** this year serving the educational and spiritual needs of its students.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John D. Bridgeman, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, recognize

The 75th Anniversary of ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

and commend the school for its continued contributions to the citizens of Gastonia and Gaston County for cultivating tomorrow's leaders, and for encouraging each student to perform and live to their fullest potential.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 18th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

John D. Bridgeman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Candice Owenby, Deputy City Clerk