



Proclamation

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities are conditions which affect more than seven million Americans and their families; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities are defined by their own strengths, abilities, and inherent value, not by their disability; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities are entitled to the respect, dignity, equality, safety, and security accorded to other members of society, and are equal before the law; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities belong in the community and have fundamental moral, civil, and constitutional rights to be fully included and actively participate in all aspects of society; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities, with appropriate resources and supports, can make decisions about their own lives and must be heard on issues that affect their well-being.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, proclaim March 2019 as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 19th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk