



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mr. David L. Caldwell, Gastonia citizen for 65 years and current member of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Gastonia, has given much of his time, talent, and monetary contributions serving our community through the Moloch Elks Lodge #468, where he has been a member for 40 years and has organized Back to School cookouts for the community, GIVE BACK Wednesday, where he feeds people for free every Wednesday during the winter season since 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell has also donated time and labor to the Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church located in the Highland Community where he has provided hamburgers and turkey legs for their October Hallelujah Carnival held at Erwin Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell was awarded the 1st North Carolina State Association Past Grand Exalted Ruler (PGER) within the Elks Lodge membership in October 2018. He also holds positions within these departments, all of which benefit the Gastonia community as well as nearby areas: Past State President, Past Grand Exalted, Civil Liberties, Medical Department, Athletic Department, Special Deputy, Trustee, Past Grand Exalted Ruler. He currently serves as Vice President and Past President of his motorcycle club, 2 Wheel Posse MC, which gives back to Gastonia's communities; and

WHEREAS, as a child, **Mr. Caldwell** saw his parents, Richard and Bertha Caldwell, demonstrate their commitment to helping the Gastonia community. In 2015, he began serving a Christmas breakfast for the community and donating bicycles to children, which eventually merged with the Brothers of Moloch Elks Lodge #468 and Daughters of Orchid Temple #923, and his motorcycle club, 2 Wheel Posse MC; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2022, **Mr. Caldwell** retired from US Food Services Incorporated after 45 years of service.

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. David L. Caldwell** on his retirement.

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 June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk