



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Gaston School of the Arts, which began operations in 1983 as The New Hope Community School of the Arts and was later renamed Gaston School of the Arts to better describe its impact in Gaston and the surrounding counties, is celebrating 35 years of providing quality, affordable arts instruction in music, art and drama for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, our strong and vibrant community is fortunate to have the Gaston School of the Arts here, serving for the past 35 years as an important community resource and leader for the arts community and community as a whole, encouraging growth of artistic abilities through instruction, artistic expression and opportunities to experience the arts for students; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2000 the school started a Children's Playhouse to give students opportunity for artistic expression and growth and to give the community an opportunity to enjoy quality theatrical programming; and

WHEREAS, the Gaston School of the Arts has strived to offer affordable opportunities for the entire community to learn and experience the arts through the establishment of the Eugenia Evans and Maurice McDowell scholarship funds to assist students who demonstrate financial need and through the generosity of donors, art patrons and grant organizations to subsidize costs for all students.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, hereby congratulate and join in celebrating the

35th Anniversary of the Gaston School of the Arts

supporting and encouraging the growth of the artistic community as they bring the arts to life for so many.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 16th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk