



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the winter poses extreme hardship for unsheltered and inadequately housed low-income men, women and children; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of the holiday season of giving provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding our commitment to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, December 21st has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for The Homeless and the National Health Care for The Homeless Council and is so recognized by cities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in this season of generosity and sharing, citizens of Gastonia are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, in remembering those who have died on the streets, the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent, as is the state's collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim **December 21, 2021**, as

HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

in the City of Gastonia and ask all citizens to take a moment of silence in remembrance of those who have died homeless and to encourage our citizens to support all local efforts to eliminate homelessness in our communities.

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

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk