



Proclamation

WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, which is now called **Arbor Day** and was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the year 2020 is the **148th anniversary** of **Arbor Day**, which is now observed throughout the nation and world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate temperatures, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, not only are trees a renewable resource, but also increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, March 20th is Arbor Day in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Keep Gastonia Beautiful will observe Arbor Day at Lineberger Park on Friday, March 20, where the City of Gastonia will rededicate therefreshed "Talking Trees Trail"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia has been named Tree City USA for the 19th year, and on that day shall receive this award.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia do hereby proclaim **March 20, 2020** as

ARBOR DAY

and support the **Keep Gastonia Beautiful Arbor Day Celebration** and urge all citizens to celebrate **Arbor Day** by supporting the efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, encourage all citizens to plant trees in the City of Gastonia for future generations.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 17th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-twenty.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk