



Proclamation

WHEREAS, residents of assisted living communities are active members of the larger community, offering their knowledge, life experiences and involvement; their past contributions continue to be a vital part of the City of Gastonia, North Carolina's rich history; and their ongoing participation deepens our City's identity; and

WHEREAS, assisted living is a critical long term care option for older adults and individuals with disabilities that fosters choice, dignity, and independence; and

WHEREAS, assisted living communities are committed to excellence, innovation and the advancement of person-centered care; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the National Center for Assisted Living established National Assisted Living Week to honor the contributions of assisted living communities, in providing long term care to America's seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme of National Assisted Living Week is "COMPASSION, COMMUNITY, and CARING" which highlights the incredible care provided by essential caregivers in assisted living communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, during this special week assisted living communities across the country are encouraged to organize activities and events to celebrate the dedication of staff, the individuality of residents, and the deep connections formed in these settings, while adhering to COVID-19 safety requirements and precautions.

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 the week of **September 12 - 18, 2021** as

Assisted Living Week

in the City of Gastonia, North Carolina. I urge all citizens to virtually visit or call a loved one, family member or friend residing in any care setting and offer a kind word and spend time participating in various virtual activities to unite those from all walks of life in need of our continued love and support, and to learn more about how assisted living services benefit us all.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 13th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk