



Proclamation

WHEREAS, **Ms. Cathy Cloninger** has been the guiding force of advocacy and support for those in Gaston County and the surrounding area that have experienced domestic violence related issues; and

WHEREAS, as Director of The Shelter of Gaston County, **Ms. Cloninger** forged the framework of service for our community, as well as a model for other communities to follow. From the Domestic Violence Council, annual domestic violence silent walks, to various fundraising events, she has worked with others to succeed in expanding public awareness and increase community support for victims and using her years of experience, contacts, and people skills to improve the working relationship between various stakeholders that are involved in addressing domestic violence in Gaston County; and

WHEREAS, her fingerprints are seen in a number of active events and programs that continue to work to benefit those in need. **Ms. Cloninger** has dedicated her life's work to ensuring those affected by domestic violence are not overlooked or left with no options; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Cloninger** has been recognized as Gaston County Employee of the Year in 2007, Gaston County Woman of the Year in 2008 and Gaston County's "2011 Person of the Year".

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 **Ms. Cathy Cloninger** on her successes and thank her for the countless time, energy, passion and love she has poured into our community.

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

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk