



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the **Community Foundation of Gaston County**, which began operations on May 8, 1978 as The Garrison Community Foundation and was renamed in 1987 to better describe its broad community role, is celebrating 40 years of supporting the generous giving spirit of our community and believing that through collective giving and working together we can indeed build a better future; and

WHEREAS, our strong and vibrant community is fortunate to have the **Community Foundation of Gaston County** here, serving for the past 40 years as the community resource for collective giving and working every day to inspire philanthropy, improve the quality of life, strengthen non-profits, foster collaboration, and provide leadership in Gaston County; and

WHEREAS, the **Community Foundation** has awarded more than \$100 million in grants and program services through the generosity of its philanthropic partners, positively affecting thousands of people in need in all areas of our community, including health and human services, education, environment, arts and culture, and much more; and

WHEREAS, the ideals of charitable giving are a part of the **Community Foundation** character and having created the Community Foundation Run, providing support to hundreds of non-profits each year, having granted more than \$19,848,318 in 16 years, alongside the Gaston community.

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 **40th anniversary of the Community Foundation of Gaston County**, supporting the generous giving spirit of our community and believing that through collective giving and working together we can indeed build a better future.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 19th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk