



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS, Doctor C. Ellis Fisher**, is retiring on May 31, 2018 after 45 years of practicing pediatric medicine with the Gastonia Children's Clinic; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Fisher**, graduated from Ashley High School in 1961, received his undergraduate degree in 1965 from Duke University, and his medical degree from UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine in 1969 before returning to his hometown and joining Gastonia Children's Clinic in 1973; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Fisher** has given back to this community in many ways including serving as President of Gaston County Heart Society, President of Rotary Club of Gastonia, Chief of Staff at Gaston Memorial, Child Medical Examiner since 1977 to the present, a member of the Gaston County Child Protection Team, Medical Director of Gaston County Schools, Medical Director of Holy Angels from 1977 to the present, and loyal member of Community Bible Study, and Core Leader and member of First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church where he serves as Elder and Sunday School teacher. Dr. Fisher also served on medical mission teams to Haiti in 2001 and 2003 and medical mission teams to Honduras with Parkwood Baptist Church from 2007 to 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, some notable honors **Dr. Fisher** has received include the President's Award of Gaston Mental Health Associates, recipient of the inaugural Dr. C. Ellis Fisher Caring Hands, Caring Heart Award for 25 years of exceptional care and unconditional love for the children of Holy Angels, recipient of the inaugural Dr. C. Ellis Fisher Award from the Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Council of Gaston County, recipient of the North Carolina Pediatric Society's Award for Outstanding Achievement for service in the community, and the Distinguished Rotarian Award; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Fisher** plans to continue teaching a Community Bible Study program to the inmates at the Dallas Correctional Institution and is looking forward to First ARP's Medical Mission Trip to Haiti, serving as mentor at York Chester Middle School and continuing part-time service with Holy Angels; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Fisher** and his wife of 50 years, Margaret Hines Fisher, have two children and three grandchildren and are devoted members of First ARP Church of Gastonia.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby recognize and congratulate **Dr. C. Ellis Fisher** on his retirement and thank him for his long-standing commitment to serving our community.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

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Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk