



Proclamation

WHEREAS, **Genesis Project** opened their doors in May 2007 in Charlotte, NC with four Staff members serving nearly 100 clients and within 90 days, the organization grew to 21 staff members and more than 300 clients; and

WHEREAS, **Genesis Project** has survived the continuous Health and Human Services challenges that have occurred throughout the years, which is a testament to their management teams; and

WHEREAS, **Genesis Project** recognizes the need to achieve cultural understanding and competence and ensure the wellness of all families in our communities including immigrants, refugees, and diverse individuals in all socioeconomic classes; and

WHEREAS, this effort led **Genesis Project** to open an office in Gaston County in May 2015 to meet the specific and complex needs of youth and families in our community and as a responsible and resource-conscious community agency, Genesis continues to strive to develop partnerships throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia recognizes **Genesis Project** to be a holistic and spiritually based health and human services agency working to “Stomp Out the Stigma of Mental Illness” through its everyday practices.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, proclaim Friday, May 18, 2018 as

GENESIS PROJECT DAY

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk