



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County was incorporated on December 22, 1988, and officially affiliated with Habitat International in early 1989; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County strives to eliminate substandard housing by providing affordable shelter to those in need in Gastonia and Gaston County; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County, through partnerships with homeowners, volunteers, and sponsors, not only build houses, but build homes, relationships, and neighborhoods where families in our local communities are offered a better life; where children are safe; where property values increase and crime is reduced; and where dreams of home ownership can become a reality; and

WHEREAS, there are many such havens in Gaston County because of the vision of Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County founders. Since 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County has completed 116 houses in Gaston County: 76 houses in Gastonia, 19 in Belmont, eight in Mt. Holly, three in Cherryville, two in Bessemer City, six in Dallas, and two in Lowell, and have helped build 682 homes in Honduras through our tithing program with Habitat for Humanity International; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County's ReStore collects donations from friends of our community of household goods, furniture and construction materials and sells these gently used items at affordable prices providing Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County with a steady source of income, and the recycling prevents more than 50 tons of materials being dumped in the Gaston County landfills annually; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County, in August 2016 dedicated the Johan Newcombe Event Center in memory of Johan Newcombe, one of our founders, which provides a location for our community to use for events and another source of income to continue building affordable home for families in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gastonia urge all members of the community to join **Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County** in this year's celebration of their **30th anniversary** and to honor our community's contribution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 17th day of July, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk