



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Jennifer T. Stultz, born and raised in Gaston County, has always had a love for this great city that she calls home and has a desire to bring the world to Gastonia; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer T. Stultz, was involved in planning the first visit from the Gotha delegation in 1993, later served as the Gastonia Sister Cities Director from 1995-1997 then went on to be the first female mayor of Gastonia from 1999-2011 where she continued to foster and promote friendships and mutual understanding between the people of the Gastonia area and our Sister Cities in Germany and Peru; and

WHEREAS, During her 12 years as Mayor of Gastonia, **Jennifer T. Stultz** continued to build relationships with her counterparts in Gotha, Germany; and then in 2004 established a Sister City in Surco, Peru and begin building relationships with the Mayors of that Sister City; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement from her Mayoral duties, **Jennifer T. Stultz** then joined the Sister Cities board of Directors. Serving four years on the board with two years as Board Chair; and

WHEREAS, over the past 25 years, she has sought to achieve the mission of Gastonia Sister Cities through partnerships with education, culture, economic development and shared dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Gastonia Sister Cities has just celebrated their 25th Anniversary with Gotha, Germany; where it was seen first-hand the importance of this program and the friendships that have endured for decades.

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 honor **Jennifer T. Stultz** for her many accomplishments and thank her for her long-standing commitment to Gastonia Sister Cities and to serving our community by building bridges around the globe in order to create and sustain world peace.

FURTHER, we encourage all citizens to live by the example set by Gastonia Sister Cities and **Jennifer T. Stultz** to commit to creating "Peace through People" locally, nationally and internationally.

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