



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mr. James C. Stewart, AIA, NCARB, born and raised in Gastonia, celebrates 55 years of design and construction expertise and is the Founding Partner of Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart began working from an early age with his father, who was a General Contractor and the ultimate craftsman who gave him the experience that set him on his lifetime career path; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Clemson University in 1965 with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture, **Mr. Stewart** worked with firms in Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC before setting his sights on having his own firm located in Gastonia, then founding Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects in 1970; and

WHEREAS, serving as Principal in Charge of Governmental, Judicial and Law Enforcement projects, **Mr. Stewart** is actively involved in a variety of civic and professional associations striving to help governments design better facilities, speaking at numerous conferences and contributing to various design guideline books including the IACP Police Facility Planning Guidelines reference book.

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 **Mr. James C. Stewart, AIA, NCARB and Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects** for 55 years of service and thank him for his long-standing commitment to serving our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 15th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk