



Proclamation

WHEREAS, May 19, 2018 is the eighth **Kids to Parks Day** organized and launched by the National Park Trust, held annually on the third Saturday of May; and

WHEREAS, **Kids to Parks Day** empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and

WHEREAS, it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks; and

WHEREAS, we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia; and

WHEREAS, **Kids to Parks Day** is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants; and

WHEREAS, **Kids to Parks Day** will broaden children's appreciation for nature and outdoors; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim to participate in

KIDS TO PARKS DAY - May 19, 2018

and urge the residents of Gastonia to make time to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, state or national park.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk