



Proclamation

WHEREAS, **Mrs. Maggie Adams Simpson**, born on April 13, 1933 to the late Richard and Carrie Adams, is celebrating her 85th birthday. She is the youngest of three daughters the late Mrs. Lena Bell Erwin Gardin and Mrs. Elizabeth Adams Lowery. Mrs. Maggie attended Sinai School and old Highland High School, both in Gaston County. She held various jobs, among which were Honey's Hotel and the old Negro Hospital-both as housekeepers, and later employed with Garlock-Precision Seals, as a Trimmer in the Trimming Department before retiring in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maggie was married to the late Mr. John Simpson, Jr. and is the proud mother of three girls: Sherry J. Watson, Lisa and Cynthia Simpson, and one son, the late Frederick Simpson; grandmother of four: Marc, Dawn and Cranston Johnson and Kara Simpson; and great-grandmother of one, Gabrielle Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maggie was raised in O'Zion AME Zion Church, later joined Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church and presently is a member of St. John's Missionary Baptist Church where she was selected as Sunday Best Hat on Grandparent's Day in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maggie enjoys lounging in her recliner, reading, watching television - especially Gaston County and City Council telecasts, gospel programs and the Steve Harvey Show. She also enjoys watching her favorite movies, "Daddy's Little Girls," with Idris Alba and "Baby Boy" with Tyrese; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maggie loves the color blue, reading her daily newspaper from front to back, telling jokes and loves, loves wearing her wide-brimmed hats on Sundays to church—of course, with each one matching her outfit.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia wish **Mrs. Maggie Adams Simpson** a very happy and blessed 85th birthday.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 13th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk