



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the craft beer industry is a flourishing part of the economy in Gastonia, Gaston County, the Piedmont and the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina has proclaimed April as North Carolina Beer Month; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to more than 300 craft breweries and brewpubs, with an annual economic impact of more than \$2 billion; and

WHEREAS, the local craft beer industry reflects the area's agricultural heritage, sourcing ingredients grown regionally; and

WHEREAS, Gastonia is home to the Cavendish Brewing Company, which opened on April 22, 2017, adding a million dollars in investment to the City's economy and Downtown. In addition, Cavendish Brewing Company has provided support to various charity and community organizations, including the American Heart Association, the Autism Association, Boy Scouts, church-affiliated groups, rugby and roller derby teams, and Sister Cities of Gastonia; and

WHEREAS, Cavendish Brewing Company has won numerous awards in the North Carolina Brewers Cup including, and three gold medals, a silver and two bronze in 2018, and two gold medals and one bronze in 2017; and

WHEREAS, craft breweries, beer festivals and related events continue to contribute to the local economy by attracting tourists and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Walker E. Reid III, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim the **month of April 2019** as

CRAFT BEER MONTH

in Gastonia, and encourage all citizens to support our local craft brewery while drinking responsibly.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 2nd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk