



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Gastonia Sister Cities was established to foster and promote friendships and mutual understanding between the people of the Gastonia area and foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, since April 19, 1993 the organization has sought to achieve its mission through partnerships with education, culture, economic development and shared dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Gastonia Sister Cities is celebrating its 25th anniversary and this observance is a fitting occasion to commemorate the significant impact that the organization has made in building bridges across cities around the globe in order to create and sustain world peace; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia is proud to be a driving part of this global network with sister city partnerships spanning the globe in both Gotha, Germany and Santiago de Surco, Peru; and

WHEREAS, for the past 25 years Gastonia Sister Cities brought the world to Gastonia to celebrate the importance of a more peaceful and prosperous future through continued people-to-people exchanges; and

WHEREAS, during this 25th Anniversary, the City of Gastonia recognizes it is an opportune time for our citizens and the world to come together and show how powerful humanity can be when we unite to promote peace, progress and prosperity for a better world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim **April 17, 2018** as

Gastonia Sister Cities' 25th Anniversary Celebration

FURTHER, we encourage all citizens to commit to creating "Peace through People" locally, nationally and internationally.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 17th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk