



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** the public works services provided in our communities are an integral and essential part of the everyday lives of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation and maintenance of public works systems and programs, such as water, sewer, streets and highways, public buildings, stormwater, solid waste collections, fleet management, and snow, ice and storm debris removal; and

**WHEREAS,** the City operates and maintains more than 641 miles of water lines, 647 miles of sewer lines, 452 miles of streets, 165 miles of storm drains, 17,000 street signs, 141 signalized intersections, 110 miles of sidewalks, and 964 vehicles and equipment, oversees the repair and maintenance of 145 City buildings; and

**WHEREAS,** the City serves more than 24,000 solid waste customers, as well as the thousands of citizens and visitors that travel our streets every day; and the health, safety and comfort of our communities greatly depend on these facilities and services; and

**WHEREAS,** the quality and efficiency of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, construction and maintenance are vitally dependent upon the service and skills of public works personnel.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 15 – 21, 2022** as:

## **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acknowledge the many services provided through public works and to recognize the contributions that public works employees make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have, hereunto, set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gastonia, North Carolina, to be affixed this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

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Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor

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Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk