



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Gastonia's own father son duo, Bret Morey and son Elijah Morey, who is a Highland School of Technology graduate, founded **Elijah's Xtreme Gourmet Sauces, Incorporated** in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, since launching in 2014, the owners have grown their small business from their home garage to over 1,100 nationwide retailers; and

WHEREAS, **Elijah's Xtreme Gourmet Sauces, Incorporated** was one of four businesses named 2021 Small Business of the Year by Business North Carolina Magazine; and

WHEREAS, the company was chosen for growing their business during the COVID-19 pandemic by creatively engaging with customers through social media.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia do hereby recognize

ELIJAH'S XTREME GOURMET SAUCES, INCORPORATED

for being named 2021 Small Business of the Year by Business North Carolina Magazine.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 21st day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk