



Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout our history, American families have been guided and strengthened by the support of devoted grandparents. These mentors have a special place in our homes and our communities. They ensure the stories and traditions of our heritage are passed down through generations. On **National Grandparents Day**, we honor those who have helped shape the character of our Nation, and we thank these role models for their immeasurable acts of love, care, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, grandparents witness great milestones in the lives of their children and grandchildren. They celebrate our early triumphs, console us when we are distressed, and cultivate our dreams. Through decades of hard work and sacrifice, our forebears have also enabled many of the rights and opportunities now accessible to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, grandparents help ensure that cultural traditions and timeless values are passed on to future generations. We honor the many grandparents that selflessly step in to raise their grandchildren in difficult circumstances, and these dedicated individuals deserve our community's respect and support; and

WHEREAS, **National Grandparents Day** presents a chance to show our profound appreciation and respect for the central roles that family elders play in our lives. The legacy of these selfless caregivers is not only reflected in the principles and sense of purpose they inspire in their loved ones, but also in their unique ability to reach across ages and enrich the lives of multiple generations; and

WHEREAS, today, our grandparents continue to serve their communities in many ways. Their spirit of service and persistence to leave a better world for the next generation instills in each of us the values of community and compassion and inspire all of us to reach for ever greater heights; and

WHEREAS, the African American Museum of History and Culture at Loray Mill, Gastonia, North Carolina, will host the **National Grandparents Day Celebration** on September 12, 2021, starting at 2:00 pm to recognize the contributions that Grandparents have made to society.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim **September 12, 2021**, as

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

and call upon all Americans to take the time to honor their own grandparents and those in their community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 7th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk