



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** **Ms. Barbara H. Voorhees** has devoted her life and career to serving others and demonstrating God's love to the citizens of Gastonia and Gaston County; and

**WHEREAS,** **Ms. Voorhees** has served as Executive Director of the Carrie E. and Lena V. Glenn Foundation from 2000 to 2017 and Executive Director of United Way of Gaston County from 1994 to 2000 among many other notable leadership roles; and

**WHEREAS,** **Ms. Voorhees** has a long career of volunteer service including the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness; Director and Treasurer of the Schiele Museum of Natural History, Chair of the Gaston College Board of Trustees; and President of the Rotary Club of Gastonia; and

**WHEREAS,** as a founding member of the Gastonia Police Foundation in 2009, **Ms. Voorhees** was an integral part of its inception and success as the bylaws, policies and funding processes were created. She was also instrumental in helping to fund the Gastonia Police Department's Police Memorial Park, Gang of One Gaston program, the GREAT Gastonia Kids Camp, Police Family Day, Shop with a COP, the Police Awards Banquet, the Unity in the Community program, CSI Camp, and Police Tourniquet program; and

**WHEREAS,** **Ms. Voorhees** served as liaison between the City of Gastonia, Schiele Museum, and the Glenn Foundation to establish the display of Mayor James B. "Jick" Garland memorabilia at the James B. Garland Municipal Business Center; and

**WHEREAS,** **Ms. Voorhees** has been recognized and received numerous awards for her community involvement and service including 2000 Gaston County Woman of the Year, 2004 Athena Award, 2009 The William Gaston Award, and 2014 Caroline H. Garrison Award; and

**WHEREAS,** demonstrating her faith, **Ms. Voorhees** serves as Member, Deacon, Elder, Clerk of Session, and numerous committees at the First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, John D. Bridgeman, Mayor of the City of Gastonia, and the Gastonia City Council, do hereby express our appreciation to **Ms. Barbara H. Voorhees** for her tireless and exemplary leadership while serving our community, county, and state and congratulate her on her retirement as Executive Director of the Carrie E. and Lena V. Glenn Foundation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, two thousand and seventeen.

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John D. Bridgeman, Mayor

Attest:

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Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk