



Proclamation

WHEREAS, for 20 years, **Dr. Darial A. Jackson** has been a faithful and dedicated servant of God serving as Pastor of St. John's Missionary Baptist Church and is to be commended for his steadfast Christian leadership over the years; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Jackson** also served as Associate Pastor of the New Home AME Zion Church in York, South Carolina and ministered at the Langrum Branch Baptist Church where he was ordained by the Sandy River Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, seeking to further his education in ministry, **Dr. Jackson** earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Master of Religious Arts in Theology, and Doctor of Theology degrees; and

WHEREAS, he also serves as Moderator Emeritus of the Gaston County Missionary Baptist Association; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Jackson** is also active in the community where he is a faithful and integral member of the Gaston Clergy and Citizens Coalition, also known as the GC3. He has been instrumental in a number of community projects including spearheading efforts to locate a bus shelter near his church to serve the surrounding neighborhood and in getting updated playground equipment for nearby I.C. Falls Park; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Jackson** is married to Emma H. Jackson and has four daughters and six grandchildren.

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

Dr. Darial A. Jackson

for 20 years of dedicated and faithful service at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church as well as in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 19th day of February, two thousand and nineteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

Attest:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk