



Proclamation

WHEREAS, **Mr. Edward C. Munn** has served as City Manager of the City of Gastonia for the past five years and devoted 36 years of his 50-year career in public service to serving City government and the citizens of Gastonia; and

WHEREAS, **Mr. Munn** has shared his vast experience and knowledge of public administration in a number of positions with the City of Gastonia including Planning Director, Assistant City Manager and a previous term as City Manager; and has also served as Interim City Manager for the City of Mount Holly and the City of Dallas, a City Planner for the N.C. Department of Natural & Economic Resources, a Political Science and Public Administration instructor at Gaston College; and has also served our country in the National Guard and U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, he earned a Master's Degree in Urban Affairs from Virginia Tech; and a Bachelor's Degree in Government from West Virginia Wesleyan College and completed additional programs in government from the NC Institute of Government and the NC School of Government; and

WHEREAS, **Mr. Munn** has provided invaluable leadership and guidance on many significant projects and challenges the City has faced during his tenure including: guiding our City Government through the economic downturn and recovery by helping the City maintain financial stability with long-term revenue and expenditure planning; getting much-needed major water treatment plant upgrades underway; implementing a permanent funding source for increases in annual street resurfacing; initiating plans for a Southeast sewer master plan; laying the groundwork for the FUSE Project and promoting Downtown economic growth; and

WHEREAS, **Mr. Munn's** defining focus has been building cooperative business relationships with the County, Chamber of Commerce, and other local and regional municipalities and promoting customer service and a business friendly environment; and

WHEREAS, **Mr. Munn**, a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of our State's highest honors, for his contributions to our City and State, has chosen to retire on March 31 from his distinguished role as City Manager, to spend more time with his wife Madeline, their five children and 10 grandchildren

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 sincere appreciation and gratitude for **Mr. Munn's** dedication and commitment to the City of Gastonia and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Gastonia and wish him the best and continued success in his retirement and future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 21th day of March, two thousand and seventeen.

John D. Bridgeman, Mayor

Attest:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk