



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS, Flint Groves Baptist Church**, led by Pastor Ronnie Bowers, who had a vision for the church to be able to see the community; and

**WHEREAS**, this vision founded **Community Care Day**, which started in November 2004 and included a health screening and clothing closet along with a free meal; and

**WHEREAS**, other local organizations joined **Flint Groves Baptist Church** in support of **Community Care Day** and it became such a success the meal became its own event now called “Honoring Our Local Heroes”, providing a free meal to honor Veterans and City, County and State employees; and

**WHEREAS, Flint Groves Baptist Church** is a vibrant member of the community, which contributes greatly to the surrounding neighborhoods and our City and blesses many of our citizens through its various ministries.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Walker E. Reid, Mayor of the City of Gastonia, and the entire City Council appreciate the congregation of **Flint Groves Baptist Church** for providing this ministry and all they do to make this City a great place to live, work and play.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.

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Walker E. Reid, III, Mayor

Attest:

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Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk