



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Tabernacle Baptist Church was founded in 1926 and worshipped first in Queen's Hall on Bradley Street and then in a building on North York Street in the Highland Community, before moving in 1978 to its current location at 519 West 19th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Tabernacle Baptist Church has grown significantly at its current location, renovating the church and building a Family Life Center in the mid-1990s and purchasing surrounding properties to expand parking areas; and

WHEREAS, we are here today to celebrate the Grand Opening of the **Tabernacle Baptist Church Worship Center**; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin Hinton serves as Pastor and under his administrative leadership, the church has been tremendously blessed to achieve many visionary accomplishments; the latest being the planning, construction and completion of this new Worship Center; and

WHEREAS, the **Tabernacle Baptist Church** has experienced continued growth and through its weekly Victory & Praise television broadcast it reaches more than fifteen counties in North and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the **Tabernacle 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, John D. Bridgeman, Mayor of the City of Gastonia, and the entire City Council congratulate the ministry and congregation of **Tabernacle Baptist Church** on the completion of their new Worship Center and wish them the best as they continue to grow and prosper in service to God.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 6th day of May, two thousand and seventeen.

John D. Bridgeman, Mayor

Attest:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk