



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS, The Great American Cleanup®** is the country's largest community improvement program that includes more than 15,000 events each spring. This national program engages more than 500,000 volunteers and participants who take action in their communities to create positive change and lasting impact; and

**WHEREAS, Keep America Beautiful®** is the nation's leading community improvement nonprofit organization that envisions a country in which every community is a clean, green, and beautiful place to live, and has established the Great American Cleanup as its signature national effort for involving American citizens in improving their community environment; and

**WHEREAS, the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup** is the nation's largest community improvement program, engaging more than 500,000 volunteers and participants every year to create positive change and lasting impact in local communities; and

**WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia** seeks to protect its natural resources and bring people together to transform public spaces into beautiful places and recognizes **Keep Gastonia Beautiful** for its commitment to engage citizens, civic and government officials, and business leaders to work together to end littering, improve recycling, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS, Keep Gastonia Beautiful** and the City of Gastonia are committed to elevate the importance of volunteerism and motivate everyone in our community to become stewards of the environment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia** do hereby proclaim the weeks of **March 20 - June 20, 2021** as our municipality's observance of **The Great American Cleanup**, urging all citizens to recognize this observance and join **Keep Gastonia Beautiful** in their continued efforts to educate the citizens of Gastonia on the importance of litter abatement and desire to keep our city looking clean and green.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF, I** have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

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Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne Gibbs, City Clerk