



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia formed an Economic Development Department to promote Gastonia as a regional leader for quality of life, smart growth and added investment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia's Economic Development Department promotes economic well-being and quality of life for our community by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, it also works to develop positive partnerships with other communities; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop a vibrant community, and improve the quality of life in their regions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard Franks, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby recognize the week of **May 6 - 10, 2024** as

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

Richard Franks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk