



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** the National Alliance of Mental Health reports in 2024, an estimated 57.8 million adults (19% of the country) had a mental illness, but only 43% received any kind of mental health care and 64% of people with a mental illness report that their condition worsens during the holidays. Most have experienced loneliness, too much pressure and unrealistic expectations and find themselves remembering happier times in the past contrasting with the present or unable to be with loved ones; and

**WHEREAS,** The Genesis Church has made a conscious choice and effort to bring some form of solace, happiness, peace, and joy to as many lives as they can while spreading **AGAPE** throughout the season. A season that transcends a ray of emotions throughout the holidays; and

**WHEREAS,** The Genesis Church will cover specific areas throughout the community and project-based activities centered around outreach. The anticipated outcome of each session is for every participant to experience the **Season of AGAPE**. The benefactors will include, child agencies, nursing homes, hospital patients, detention centers, and the families of slain victims; and

**WHEREAS,** The Genesis Church has set aside Thursdays and Saturdays throughout the months of November and December to create monumental moments to help bring awareness throughout the **Season of AGAPE**. The primary purpose of this Movement is to foster an atmosphere and diversified approach that will reach those who may be considered displaced, wounded, disassociated, and challenged by life's circumstances. It will also serve to bolster the tenacity to recover, restore, revive, restructure, rejuvenate and to restart.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Richard Franks, Mayor of the City of Gastonia and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim Thursdays and Saturdays throughout November and December 2024 as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

## **SEASON OF AGAPE**

in the City of Gastonia and urge all citizens to create monumental moments throughout November and December in support of this movement.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

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Richard Franks, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk