



Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Little Theater of Gastonia, which was incorporated in 1950 by community members George Gray, Roger Grier, Jeanne Rauch, Edith Baugh, Catherine Groves, Pinkie Spargo, Naomi Cunningham, and Ennis Atkins, is entering its 75th season of providing live stage performances of plays and musicals for the community; and

WHEREAS, The Little Theater of Gastonia endeavors to enhance the quality of life for all citizens, patrons, participants, and partners in Gastonia and the surrounding areas through inclusive and exemplary Theater Arts programming in the spirit of excellence, education, enrichment, culture, community and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the theater is committed to providing a diverse season in order to serve all those in the community and has performed exceptional shows for the more than 74 years such as *Sweeney Todd*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *The Odd Couple*, *Sister Act*, and *Annie* with many shows receiving critical acclaim and winning awards; and

WHEREAS, the theater endeavors to support and partner with other community organizations such as the African American Museum of History and Culture, The Gaston County Public Library, The Gaston County Museum of Art and History, The Gaston Business Association, The Downtown Partners, The Gastonia Ghost Peppers, and the City of Gastonia to positively impact our society and also strives to make the arts available to all residents through scholarships, free events and workshops, and Pay What You Can performances; and

WHEREAS, the theater is committed to reach out to the younger generation of aspiring actors by offering summer camps, a youth improv troupe, master classes, drama classes, and a mainstage show during the season directed towards younger performers; and

WHEREAS, the theater has worked with hundreds of local and regional actors in order to bring the excitement of live performance to our citizens by providing quality productions and magical moments that that engage, educate, challenge and entertain audiences and enrich our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Richard Franks, Mayor of the City of Gastonia, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia recognize and congratulate **The Little Theater of Gastonia** on their **75th Season** and for providing outstanding live theater to Gastonia and the surrounding community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 17th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

Richard Franks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk