



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Catawba Valley Chapter, National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century is sponsoring **National Colonial Heritage Month** in the local area during the month of October 2024; and

WHEREAS, **National Colonial Heritage Month** recalls the first courageous settlers who arrived in America and who influenced much of the direction and formation of our country; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Society, including the members of the Catawba Valley Chapter, by virtue of their lineal descent from those early arrivals, feel an obligation to work for the preservation of the priceless legacy that these early arrivals left to all American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members continue to convey the true meaning of the inheritance by reminding us that our privilege to live in a free country has stemmed from loving our country, obeying its laws, respecting its flag and defending it against all enemies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Franks, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gastonia in the State of North Carolina do hereby declare:

**THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024
AS
COLONIAL HERITAGE MONTH**

in the City of Gastonia and encourage all Citizens of the City of Gastonia to observe this month as a means of reinforcing the priceless legacy that we inherit from our citizenship, in order to help preserve our rich culture and heritage with deep respect for the principles upon which our great country was founded.

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

Richard Franks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk