



Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than ever, our nation depends upon local law enforcement as our first line of defense and it is important for the people of Gastonia and Gaston County to know and understand the duties, responsibilities and challenges of our law enforcement officers and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of these agencies give of themselves day in and day out to preserve our homeland security; and we applaud them for recognizing their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting people against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, 135 peace officers across the nation and 3 from North Carolina alone were killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the members of law enforcement agencies of Gaston County and its municipalities play a vital role in safeguarding the rights and freedom of our local citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Gastonia do hereby proclaim the week of May 12 through May 18, 2024 as

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL WEEK

and May 15, 2024 as

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

and join law enforcement officers nationwide in commemorating their fallen comrades and urge the citizens of Gastonia to recognize and honor law enforcement officers, past and present.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Gastonia acknowledge and appreciate the contributions made by their local law enforcement officers for handling the difficult situations they encounter on a daily basis as part of their jobs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed, this the 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

Richard Franks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk