



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Public power is a crucial component in cities and towns across North Carolina, contributing to the overall health of communities by providing reliable electricity, excellent local service, and prompt restoration; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's more than 70 public power cities and towns are among more than 2,000 across the country, and most North Carolina public power cities and towns have been electric providers for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, The City of Gastonia maintains 536 miles of distribution lines, 10,168 street lights, 11 substations, and over 31,000 customer accounts; and

WHEREAS, Public power meets the electric needs of 54 million Americans, 1 in 7 electric utility customers are served by public power; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's public power utilities are valuable community assets that contribute to the well-being of the community and provide economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's public power utilities are dependable institutions that provide excellent service and a commitment to community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Gastonia, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of **October 6-12, 2024** as

PUBLIC POWER WEEK

and the City of Gastonia joins our other North Carolina Public Power communities, as well as, all public power systems in the United States in this celebration of public power.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this 1st day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

Richard Franks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk