



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS, Dr. Darial Audrey Jackson**, a servant leader who reaches out to the surrounding Bradford Heights community to serve in whatever capacity is needed. He works with our area politicians to assist in moving our communities and city forward. Keeping hope alive, **Dr. Jackson** gives a heartfelt rendition of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech during Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson** leads by example as a man of God, husband, father and grandfather. He stresses 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV: Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth and Philippians 4:13 KJV: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson** encourages us to stand and give God glory for all things, good and bad because in Romans 8:28 KJV: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. His analogy of standing as a tree in all seasons, Psalm 1:3 KJV: He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson** is always eager to extend the invitation to salvation through the Roman Road and encourage us to tithe, because we can't beat God giving. On any given Sunday we can hear **Dr. Jackson** encouraging us with the words of his favorite song, Don't stop praying! The Lord is nigh; Don't stop praying! He'll hear your cry; God has promised, and He is true; Don't stop praying; He'll answer you; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Darial Audrey Jackson** is a humble servant of our Lord and displays excellence in character and responsibility.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Richard Franks, Mayor of the City of Gastonia, do hereby commend

## ***DR. DARIAL AUDREY JACKSON***

for his faithful service and dedicated leadership as senior pastor of St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina for 25 years.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, 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 January, two thousand and twenty-four.

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Richard Franks, Mayor

Attest:

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Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk