



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** equal housing opportunity is a right guaranteed to all Americans under Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Law; and

**WHEREAS,** each year since the enactment of the National Fair Housing Law, the Federal government has designated April as Fair Housing Month; and

**WHEREAS,** the Citizens of Gastonia and Gaston County are encouraged to share in the effort to ensure that fair housing opportunity is a reality for all: and

**WHEREAS,** the enactment of the Fair Housing Law provides an opportunity for all citizens of Gastonia and Gaston County to rededicate themselves to the principles of free choice and to reacquaint themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the law.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Richard Franks, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim the **month of April 2026** as

## **FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

in Gastonia, and encourage the people of Gastonia to join in reaffirming our commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.

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Richard Franks, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk