



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF GASTONIA

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia is named for former United States Representative and North Carolina Supreme Court Judge William Gaston, and began as Gastonia Station, a one-square-mile railroad stop on the Atlanta & Richmond Airline Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Gastonia was incorporated as a city on January 26, 1877, with a population of approximately 140 residents; and

WHEREAS, Gastonia was selected by popular vote as the Gaston County seat in 1911; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the city grew into a major textile manufacturing center; Gastonia became the national leader in combed cotton production and the home of several national textile firms, including Parkdale Mills, which is still the number one manufacturer of spun yarn in the world; and

WHEREAS, Gastonia has grown and today occupies more than 50 square miles and has a population of more than 73,000, making it the largest of Gaston County's municipalities, the 2nd largest city in the Charlotte Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and North Carolina's 13th largest city; and

WHEREAS, Gastonia has weathered the storm of the national recession and economic downturn to rebound as a growing manufacturing and industrial hub, a center for international business, and a regional retail center; and

WHEREAS, the city's slogan, "Great Place, Great People, Great Promise," describes both the proud heritage and promising future of this great city; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes and congratulates the City of Gastonia on its 140th anniversary, and joins its leaders and citizens as they celebrate throughout the year of 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2017, as a day "**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF GASTONIA**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.