



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Huntington's Disease is an inherited, progressively degenerative neurological disease that causes total physical and mental deterioration over a 10-to-20-year period; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,000 North Carolinians suffer from Huntington's Disease, and 5,500 individuals have a 50 percent chance of inheriting the disease from an affected parent; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no treatment to stop or slow the progression of Huntington's Disease, and symptoms usually present in adults ages 35 – 55, disrupting their ability to work and provide for their family; and

WHEREAS, Huntington's Disease organizations in North Carolina and nationwide work tirelessly to provide support, resources, awareness and research to create a world free of this horrific disease; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all residents to know the importance of medical institutions and research teams in their efforts to serve patients and families with this devastating disease and to unravel the mysteries of treatment and an eventual cure.

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

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of Gastonia this 19th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.

Richard Franks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk