



- WHEREAS, this year, Parkdale Mills, headquartered in Gastonia, North Carolina, will celebrate its 100th Anniversary; and,
- WHEREAS, founded in 1916, Parkdale has grown from a single mill in Gaston County to becoming one of the world's leading manufacturers of spun yarns, with multiple plants in North, Central and South America; and,
- WHEREAS, the company's unwavering attention to quality and its pursuit of operational excellence has been paramount in its continued success; and,
- WHEREAS, Parkdale's long-term commitment to our community has had a tremendous impact on Gaston County's business environment over the last one hundred years, playing a key role in our storied manufacturing heritage; and,
- WHEREAS, much of Parkdale's success can be attributed to its pursuit of cutting-edge technology, workforce development and a culture that embraces change and fosters innovation; and,
- WHEREAS, Parkdale has continually recognized the value and work ethic of our community and has tirelessly worked to provide a safe and positive work environment for its employees; and,
- WHEREAS, the late W. Duke Kimbrell, former Chairman and industry icon, left behind a career that spanned more than six decades and a legacy of hard work and integrity that is still evident in the company today; and,
- WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson D. Warlick, current CEO and Vice-chairman, joined Mr. Kimbrell at the helm in 1984 and together, they guided the company through some of the most tumultuous economic times in the textile industry while achieving a period of extraordinary growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners recognizes and commends Parkdale Mills upon its 100th Anniversary and hereby proclaims October, 2016 as

Parkdale Mills Month

and expresses its sincere gratitude and indebtedness for Parkdale's continued investment in Gaston County and its many economic and civic contributions to our community.

Tom Keigher, Chairman

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