



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every community is made stronger by people who give of themselves with open hearts, generous spirits, and a true love for their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Paula Gile have spent a lifetime together doing just that — giving, leading, encouraging, and lifting others through countless acts of kindness and service; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Paula are the founders of the Got Lunch! Laconia program which has been successful for 15 seasons and has fed over 550 children this summer. The program has expanded to include literacy materials, fresh vegetables from local farmers; and

WHEREAS, whether serving on community boards, supporting Got Lunch! Laconia, volunteering with civic and faith organizations, or simply stepping forward whenever help was needed, Bill and Paula have been steady examples of what it means to care for one's community; and

WHEREAS, Paula has shared her gifts of faith and compassion through her involvement with religious organizations, offering guidance and comfort to many. She was one of the founders of the Church of Another Chance, the only church in the United States that works exclusively with men and women while they are incarcerated and after they are released. Paula embodies the wisdom of her years as a minister, foster mother and guidance counselor, along with the knowledge of numerous sources in the recovery community. She has the grace to meet people where they are and encourage them to embrace the highest vision of themselves; and

WHEREAS, Bill has been a tireless supporter of civic causes and local initiatives such as Kiwanis where he serves as the Immediate Past President and Secretary, and working each year on the Bike Rodeo. He brings energy, leadership, and optimism to efforts that make Laconia a better place for all; and

WHEREAS, together, Bill and Paula embody the spirit of service, teamwork, and kindness, inspiring others by the way they live their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew J. Hosmer, Mayor of the City of Laconia, on behalf of the City Council and the people of Laconia, do hereby extend heartfelt gratitude and recognition to Bill and Paula Gile for their extraordinary contributions and for showing us all the power of dedication, generosity, and love of community. May this Proclamation serve as a lasting tribute to their remarkable impact on the City of Laconia and as a celebration of the countless lives they have touched.

*Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Laconia,
New Hampshire, this 25th day of August in the year of our
Lord two thousand and twenty-five*

A blue ink signature of Andrew J. Hosmer, Mayor of Laconia.

Andrew J. Hosmer, Mayor