

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** April 30, 2021, marks the 46th year since the Fall of Saigon, on April 30, 1975, to communism; and
- WHEREAS,** there were roughly 800,000 Republic of Vietnam civilian officials, military officers, and enlists imprisoned for many years in hard labor camps after the Fall of Saigon in which many thousands were executed or died; and
- WHEREAS,** many Vietnamese opposed to a communist government fled to America and other countries to avoid imprisonment and injustice and to seek out a life filled with great opportunity; and
- WHEREAS,** Arlington is home to a large number of Vietnamese Americans who value their freedom, honor their native land and culture, and strive to instill the same sentiment in their children; and
- WHEREAS,** each year in Arlington, an event commemorating the fall of Saigon is hosted, during which the victims of the Vietnam War are honored, and the virtues of liberty, human rights, and democracy are celebrated; and
- WHEREAS,** Vietnamese American communities throughout Arlington will commemorate April 30, 2021, as Black April, a day of remembrance and rededication to the principles of freedom, including freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of the press, and internet freedom.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, the month of April 2021 shall be proclaimed**

Black April Memorial Month

a special time for us to remember the countless lives lost during the Vietnam War era, and to hope for more justice and liberty for the people of Vietnam; and be it further

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 19th day of month in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.



MAYOR